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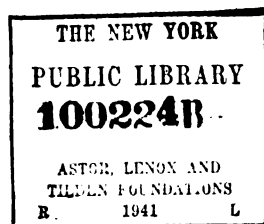
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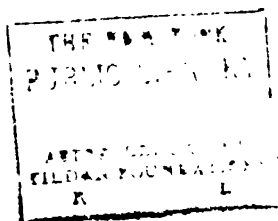
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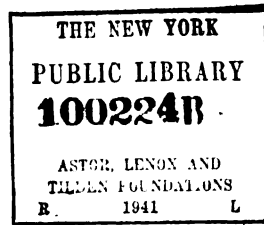
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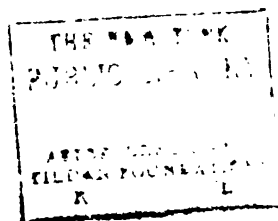
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## JACOB HOLLAND POWERS.

In the period which marked the pioneer development of Page county and witnessed the laying of the foundation upon which has been built its present prosperity and progress, Jacob Holland Powers was a prominent factor in the district. He came here in the early days and for many years figured prominently in connection with its agricultural interests and also as the owner of a large amount of real estate. He is well remembered, too, as a man of kindly spirit and generous civility as manifested in his liberal aid to those who needed assistance.

He was born near Morgantown in what was then Virginia but is now West Virginia, September 24, 1807, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 14th of February, 1884, when he passed away. His father, Nehemiah Powers, who married Cassandra Holland, was descended from an old family represented in the American army in the war of the Revolution. He was a planter and slave owner but freed his bondsmen before his death. In 1819 he removed to Wayne county, Indiana, becoming one of the pioneer residents of that state, which only three years before had been admitted to the Union. Subsequently he removed to Henry county, where his death occurred. He was a member of the Baptist church and his life was an upright and honorable one, in consistent harmony with his professions. In his family were twelve children.

Jacob H. Powers spent his youthful days in his parents' home, receiving his education in private schools. He was a lad of twelve years when his parents removed from Virginia to Indiana, arriving in that state only two or three years after its admission to the Union. Many evidences of pioneer life were still to be seen there and Jacob H. Powers, who was reared as a farm boy, early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he converts wild land into productive fields that annually bring forth rich crops. Not desiring to give his entire attention, however, to the tilling of the soil, he entered mercantile circles in



*Jacob H Powers*



Indiana and for some time conducted a tannery. In 1853, however, he sold his business in Indiana and made a visit to Page county. He then returned to his old home and the following year removed from Muncie, Indiana, to Clarinda, driving the entire distance across the country. In the year of his arrival he established a general mercantile store in Clarinda and he also purchased considerable property, including both city real estate and farm lands. He thus became an active factor in the development, upbuilding and improvement of this part of the state. He was one of the pioneer merchants of the town and conducted stores on both the west and north sides of the square. In his mercantile ventures he was successful, carrying such lines of goods as the public demanded, while his reasonable prices and honorable dealing won him a continually increasing trade. His lands were adjacent to the city and with the growth and development of the county increased rapidly in value. Later he made investment in lands in Missouri, Texas, Florida and Kansas. As the years passed he conducted important business negotiations, prospering in his undertakings.

On the 15th of January, 1835, Mr. Powers was united in marriage to Miss Gilla Scott Tomlinson, who was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, January 15, 1816, and was of English lineage. In early life she held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and afterward became a member of the Presbyterian church. She died May 10, 1845, at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving four children: Amanda Tomlinson, now the wife of Harvey White, a contractor and builder residing in California; Sarah Emeline, who is the widow of Charles Linderman, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mary Holland, now deceased; and Naomi Olive, who is now making her home with her sister, Mrs. Linderman.

Mr. Powers was again married in August, 1851, his second union being with Eliza B. Silvers, who was born in Kentucky and died March 17, 1896, in her eightieth year. She lived a consistent Christian life, in harmony with her professions as a member of the Baptist church. By that marriage there were five children, but two of the number died in infancy. Myra Ella, born in Muncie, Indiana, died in Clarinda in February, 1863, at the age of eleven years. Martha Ida, born in Clarinda, died December 7, 1879, in her twenty-fifth year. Dr. T. E. Powers, the youngest, is represented elsewhere in this volume.

Jacob H. Powers not only became a successful business man and a large land owner of the county but was also prominent in other ways. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge and also took the degrees of the Royal Arch chapter and the Knights Templar commandery. In his political views he was originally an old line whig and eventually, on the dissolution of that party, became a republican, continuing in the latter organization until his death. He had no aspirations for office, preferring that others should seek and enjoy the benefits of office holding. He was a very generous man and his benefactions are mentioned in the article devoted to the history of Nodaway lodge. During his later years he spent half of his time in Florida and the remainder in Clarinda. He was regarded as one of the city's best and foremost residents, staunchly supporting every



cause for the public good and giving liberally where aid was needed. While he conducted important and extensive business affairs, he was ever reliable in his transactions, his negotiations being in harmony with the strictest business ethics. He died February 14, 1884, when in his seventy-seventh year, and because of the prominent place which he occupied in the community no history of this county would be complete without extended mention of him.

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### EDWIN CARLOS LANE.

Edwin Carlos Lane, editor of one of the leading county-seat newspapers of Iowa, was born August 11, 1855, on the home farm of his maternal grandfather situated midway between Plano and Bristol Station near the main line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, in Little Rock township, Kendall county, Illinois. He was one of a family of three sons and one daughter whose parents were Levi Hart and Emily Jane (Kendrick) Lane. The father was born in Lewis county, New York, in 1830, and was a son of Lyman Lane, a native of Suffield, Connecticut, who was born in 1799. Our subject's great-great-great-grandfather, L. Lane, came from Scotland to New England and was the founder of the family in the new world. Lyman Lane continued a resident of New England through the period of his early life and married Miss Nancy Hart, a daughter of the Hon. Levi Hart, who was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1773, and removed to Lewis county, New York in 1798. He was an extensive farmer and figured prominently in the public life of the community in which he lived, serving his county in the New York assembly in 1818 and was for many years county judge of Lewis county. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Lane removed from Lewis county, New York, to Kendall county, Illinois, in 1837 and the former acquired the ownership of a farm two miles from what is now Yorkville. He was one of the successful pioneer farmers of Kendall county, prominent in the progress of the community along agricultural lines. There he died at the age of ninety-seven years.

It was his son, Levi Hart Lane, who became the father of Edwin Carlos Lane. Born in the Empire state he was only about seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Illinois and in Kendall county, that state, on February 23, 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Emily J. Kendrick, who was born in the state of New York, in 1833. Her father, William P. Kendrick, was born at Hollis, New Hampshire, in 1790, attended the Theological Seminary at Andover, Massachusetts, and was a graduate of Harvard University. For six years he was a member of the faculty of that famous institution of learning. He became a Congregational minister and for nearly thirty years acted as a home missionary in the state of New York. In 1826 he married Emily Tucker, who was born at Suffield, Connecticut, in 1804, and was a daughter

of Morris and Ruth (Fowler) Tucker of Suffield, Connecticut, and of Agawam, Massachusetts, respectively. Rev. and Mrs. William P. Kendrick removed from the state of New York to Kendall county, Illinois, in 1846, and there he died in 1854, while his widow passed away in 1861. Having married their daughter, Emily Jane Kendrick, in Kendall county, Illinois, in 1854, Dr. Lane engaged in the practice of dentistry at Bristol, now a part of Yorkville, Illinois, and later removed to Prescott, Linn county, Kansas, where he was a druggist for several years. He also acted as postmaster of that town and his prominence in the community is indicated by the fact that he was elected in 1872 to represent Linn county in the state legislature. For about twenty-five years he has been a resident of Topeka, Kansas. In 1864 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in Bristol, Illinois, when their son, Edwin, was but nine years of age.

The name of Carlos came to Edwin Carlos Lane from his great-uncle, Carlos Hart, who was the son of Judge Levi Hart. Reared in Kendall county, Illinois, he attended a select school and also the public school in Bristol, Illinois, now Yorkville. Later he attended the Godard and Rickard rural schools in the vicinity of Yorkville and added gradually to his knowledge through his experiences in printing offices where is demanded broad general information. At the age of twelve years he had an opportunity to enter a printing office, which gratified a natural inclination and longing and, therefore, on the 2d of September, 1867, he became an employe in the office of the Kendall County Record at Yorkville, Illinois, where he worked at the printer's trade under the instructions of his employer, John R. Marshall, a superior printer. With him Mr. Lane continued for four years and in 1871 and 1872 was employed as a printer in the office of the Beacon at Aurora, Illinois. In December of the latter year, he went to Prescott, Kansas, to assist his father in business and was thus engaged for about a year and a half, during which time he gained practical insight into business methods. In July, 1875, he went to La Cygne, Kansas, where he formed a partnership with J. P. Kenea in the publication of the La Cygne Journal and for the conduct of a job printing business. Since that time Mr. Lane and Mr. Kenea have been in partnership, the organization of the firm of Kenea & Lane being effected in July, 1875. Together they continued the publication of the La Cygne Journal until August, 1893, when they removed to Clarinda, Iowa, where in September, 1893, they founded the Clarinda Journal and in connection therewith a job printing business. For some years before leaving La Cygne for Clarinda, Mr. Lane with Mr. Kenea became financially interested in the publication of a neighboring newspaper, the Pleasanton Observer, at Pleasanton, Kansas. Mr. Lane has now had thirty-four years' continuous experience as an editor and publisher and has always been thoroughly familiar with the details of his business. During all this time he has been an industrious worker, giving careful, faithful and intelligent attention to his duties and, therefore, has proven successful. He has an established reputation as a clear, concise and able writer. His political and other writings are widely quoted and the Clarinda Journal, of which he is the editor, is one of the leading papers of Iowa, standing as a

splendid representative of modern journalism in all that is commendable and progressive in the field of newspaper publication at the present time.

In 1889 Mr. Lane was appointed by President Benjamin Harrison to the position of postmaster of La Cygne, Kansas, and held that office for more than four years. He resigned the position a short time before his removal to Clarinda. He has been a life-long republican and strictly a straight party man. For ten years he was the member from Linn county of the second Kansas republican congressional committee and for two years, including the presidential campaign of 1888, was its chairman. He is now a member of the Clarinda public library board and in all professional and non-professional relations is a stalwart advocate of every movement that tends to promote general progress and upbuilding in the city. He became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1877 when the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees were conferred upon him and in 1878 he was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in La Cygne Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., of which he was the worshipful master for two years. He is now, 1909, the senior warden of Nodaway Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M.; is a Royal Arch Mason—member of Clarinda Chapter, No. 29, of which he is a past high priest. He is also a member and past worthy patron of Clarinda Chapter, No. 214, O. E. S., and he belongs to the First Presbyterian church of Clarinda. Throughout his entire life he has been connected with the printing business, having occupied every position in the office from the most humble to that of editor-in-chief, his advancement following as the logical sequence of his close application and his thorough understanding of the work in which he embarked as a young tradesman.

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#### C. N. CRAIN.

C. N. Crain, a successful and enterprising agriculturist and stock-raiser of Valley township, is the owner of a well improved and valuable tract of land of three hundred and three acres, known as the Nodaway Valley Stock Farm. His birth occurred in Taylor county, Iowa, on the 12th of April, 1859, his parents being John F. and Margaret (Howard) Crain, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Indiana. In 1854 they took up their abode in Taylor county, Iowa, where the father purchased land and made his home until called to his final rest in 1871. The mother still lives in that county, having now attained the age of seventy-four years. Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, seven of whom yet survive.

C. N. Crain acquired a common-school education in early life and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-one years. He then secured employment as a farm hand and was thus busily engaged for a period of six years, at the end of which time he rented a tract of land, devoting his attention to its operation for a few years. In 1889 he bought the farm on which he now resides in Valley township, Page county,



and as the years have gone by has placed many substantial improvements on the property, erecting a commodious and attractive residence, two large barns and all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. His place comprises three hundred and three acres of rich and arable land and is known as the Nodaway Valley Stock Farm. He feeds all of his grain to stock and has met with a gratifying and commendable measure of prosperity in his undertakings, being widely recognized as a substantial and representative citizen of the community.

In 1885 Mr. Crain was united in marriage to Miss Nancy C. McKee, a native of Scott county, Indiana, and a daughter of William and Martha (Murphy) McKee, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in Indiana. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKee have passed away. Mrs. Crain was one of a family of seven children and by her marriage has become the mother of six, as follows: Anna B., a graduate of the Hepburn high school, who is now engaged in teaching; John W., who is a graduate of the business college at College Springs, Iowa; James; Ella R.; Charles L.; and Martha M.

Mr. Crain casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served his fellow townsmen in the positions of school director and township trustee. Fraternally he is identified with Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 1785, of Villisca, and with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 482, at Hepburn, Iowa, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His wife is a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church and takes an active and helpful interest in its work. They are people of genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside.

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#### HON. CHARLES E. LINDERMAN.

Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success, and judged by this standard as well as by the ratings of the business world Hon. Charles E. Linderman was a most successful man. He was numbered among the prominent, valued, honored and respected citizens of southwestern Iowa and left the impress of his individuality for good on its substantial development and improvement. He stood for high ideals in citizenship, in business affairs and in private life, and the nobility of his manhood made him most honored and respected where best known.

A native of Orange county, New York, Mr. Linderman was born near Bloomingburg, February 4, 1829, and was of German lineage on the paternal side and of Irish descent on the maternal side. He was the ninth in order of birth in a family of eleven children and his early education, acquired in the common schools near his boyhood's home, was supplemented by study in the academy at Bloomingburg, while in 1851 he entered Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1854. For a year thereafter he engaged in teaching

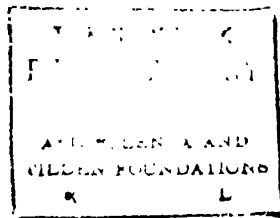


*Grandmother's daughter*





*Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Linderman and daughter*



school at Seneca Falls, New York, but in 1855 he resolved to seek his fortune in the great west and accordingly came to Iowa. For one winter he taught school in Scott county and then in the spring of 1856 went to the territory of Nebraska and for a season assisted the government surveyors in establishing the sixth principal meridian. In November of the same year he located at Sidney, Fremont county, Iowa, where he remained until the spring of 1859, and in April of the same year he came to Clarinda and entered upon the practice of law but soon abandoned the profession for other duties.

In the fall of that year Mr. Linderman was appointed clerk of the district court and in the fall of 1860 was elected to that office and reelected in 1862. In the latter year, however, he resigned and offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company A, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, as a private. On the organization of the regiment he was made second lieutenant of his company. The regiment was sent forward to Louisville and in the fall and winter of 1863-64 was engaged in guarding the railroads and putting an end to the guerrilla warfare that had been so successfully waged around Waverly and other points west of Nashville. In the spring of 1864 the regiment became a part of the army that was to fight and win the Atlanta campaign and he took part in most of the engagements of that campaign. At its close the regiment became a part of General Thomas' command that was to resist General Hood's attempt to capture Nashville and participated in the engagements with General Hood's army while General Thomas was falling back upon Nashville and also during General Thomas' advance upon General Hood that resulted in the destruction of the heroic army commanded by that Confederate leader. In the spring of 1865 the regiment was attached to General Wilson's cavalry command and with it fought its way from Alabama and Georgia and had reached Macon, Georgia, on its way to join General Sherman in his campaign from Savannah along the Atlantic coast, when its further progress was stopped by the close of the war. Except when on detailed duty as provost marshal and acting quartermaster Lieutenant Linderman was at the front, meeting with every peril, discharging every duty with the highest courage and conspicuous fidelity, at all times and under all circumstances displaying those and only those qualities that characterize a true soldier and general. As in civil, so in military life, his absolute devotion to duty, joined with a genial disposition, won for him the confidence and general respect of all who came in contact with him. He represented one of the best types of American manhood—an honorable, useful, public-spirited citizen in times of peace; a loyal, courageous, volunteer soldier in the hour of his country's peril.

At the close of the war Lieutenant Linderman gladly sought a home among those who knew him best and therefore loved him most. He possessed business ability of a high order and accumulated a considerable fortune, becoming one of the largest property owners in the county. He never allowed the accumulation of wealth, however, to dwarf his finer sensibilities nor to dull his interest in his fellowmen. He was generous in

charity although he avoided anything like ostentation in his benevolence. The integrity of his life and the value of his public service were recognized and in the fall of 1865 he was elected by the voters of Page county as their representative in the eleventh general assembly. The following year he was elected to the responsible position of clerk of the supreme court of Iowa and by successive reelections held the office for eight years. In 1875 he became identified with the banking interests of Clarinda and soon became president of the oldest and strongest bank of the city, which position he retained, except for a short interval or two, until his death. It was in January, 1875, that he purchased an interest in the First National Bank of Clarinda, now known as the Page County State Bank, and as its chief executive officer his opinions carried great weight in its management, while his enterprise was a substantial factor in its success. In 1892 Mr. Linderman was again called from private to public life in his reelection to the general assembly. It was in that year that the prohibition party broke down the republican prestige and the state went for Boies. The republicans had to bring out their very best man in order to save the county from going democratic. Mr. Linderman was persuaded to make the race and he won by a hard struggle, the vote standing twenty-four hundred and twenty-seven for Mr. Linderman, and twenty-one hundred and twenty-one for Jesse B. Bartley, who was running as an independent, supported by the democrats. It is doubtful if any other man than Mr. Linderman could have succeeded in that year. He served acceptably as a member of the house and at the close of the session returned again to his banking business.

On the 7th of November, 1877, Mr. Linderman was united in marriage to Mrs. S. E. Conine, who was a daughter of J. H. Powers, one of the pioneers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Linderman had one child, Ina Lucile, now the wife of Frank L. Blair, of Creston.

From the time of Mr. Linderman's arrival in Clarinda to the day of his death he was actively identified with the upbuilding and development of his home town and county and was ever willing and ready to assist in each laudable undertaking. His acquaintances became his friends and he retained their confidence to the end. A prominent Mason, Mr. Linderman also held membership with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He was, moreover, a member of the Loyal Legion and of Warren Post, No. 11, G. A. R., and through his business, social and political connections he had an extensive acquaintance throughout the state. For more than half a century he was a resident of Iowa and during all of that time was actively identified with the interests which have produced the marvelous growth and development of the state. The feeling in which he was held in his home town is shown by the fact that some years ago the people of Clarinda sought a name for their new hotel—the name of some man among them most representative and most esteemed—and the choice fell unanimously upon the "Linderman."

The death of Mr. Linderman occurred April 15, 1907, after which the various societies to which he belonged took official action concerning his death, writing most fitting resolutions of honor and respect. In his demise

the county lost one of its earliest pioneers, most honored citizens and a man whose long life was a credit to himself and to the people among whom he lived. His modest, unassuming manner often hid his real worth. Wherever he was known he was held in the highest respect for he lived close to the high ideals of honorable manhood and upright citizenship. Moreover, his was a most kindly, genial nature that inspired and retained friendship.

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### MONT MORRIS.

The agricultural interests of Nodaway township find a worthy representative in Mont Morris, who is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres situated on the southwest quarter of section 23. This farm is largely devoted to the raising of stock and Mr. Morris is well known as a breeder of shorthorn cattle. He was born in Champaign county, Illinois, October 22, 1866, and is a son of Price W. and Elizabeth (Horr) Morris, both of whom were natives of Ohio but spent their last days in Page county. The father devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits, conducting his farming interests on an extensive scale in early life. In Ohio he married Miss Elizabeth Horr and removed thence to Illinois, while later he became a resident of Kansas and subsequently arrived in Page county, Iowa. Unto him and his wife were born seven children. V. W., who was a locomotive engineer, was killed in July, 1902, in a wreck on the Fort Scott & Gulf Railroad, about fifty miles south of Kansas City. Kate is the widow of Morgan Burwell and resides in Clarinda, where she is conducting the Powers Hospital. R. George and C. C. are both living in this county. Rachel is a resident of Chicago. J. H. is also living in this county.

Mont Morris, who is the youngest member of the family, was only about three years old when his parents removed from Champaign county to Greene county, Illinois, and he went with them to Kansas when a lad of about ten years, the family home being established at Paolo, Miami county. There he continued until July, 1902, when he came to Page county, where he has since remained. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, continuously following it with the exception of one year which he devoted to railroading. About 1903 he purchased his present property, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres constituting the southwest quarter of section 23, Nodaway township. Of this he has since sold forty acres so that his farm now comprises one hundred and twenty acres. He is extensively and successfully engaged in stock-raising, is a breeder of shorthorn cattle and keeps on hand from twenty to one hundred head of shorthorns. He is an excellent judge of stock, owns some very fine animals and makes exhibits at the county fairs where he has won various premiums.

In January, 1899, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Grace P. Abbott, who was born in this county, June 26, 1873, and is a daughter of J. H. and



Phoebe Jane Pfander Abbott. The father was a lifelong farmer but retired about two years ago and is now living in Clarinda.

Mr. Morris is a member of Clarinda Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F. He takes little active interest in affairs aside from his farm, concentrating his energies upon the development of a prosperous business here. He is regarded as one of the best judges of live stock in this part of the state and has done not a little to improve the grade of cattle raised through the conduct of his individual interests.

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### CHARLES WESLEY FOSTER.

Charles Wesley Foster, deceased, who was one of the public-spirited citizens of Page county, honored and respected wherever known but most of all where best known, was born May 19, 1833, in Canton, Fulton county, Illinois, where he acquired his education in the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he went to Peoria to learn the tinner's trade and there remained for four years. When nineteen years of age he went to Abingdon, Illinois, and conducted the first hardware and tin store in that place. Four years later he removed to Bushnell, Illinois, where he also became the pioneer hardware merchant. It was during that period of his life that he was married on the 22d of November, 1855 to Miss Elizabeth A. Latimer, of Abingdon, whose death occurred on the 2d of April, 1857.

In the following month Mr. Foster removed to Clarinda, Iowa, and here opened a dry-goods store, which he conducted for two years. On the 1st of December, 1859, he was married to Miss Ann L. Alden, who was born and reared in Ohio. They became the parents of four children: Mary, the wife of John N. Miller; Julia, the wife of Herbert H. Scott; Harriett; and Annie, the wife of Alfred B. Loran. All are yet residing in Clarinda.

It was in the spring of 1860 that Mr. Foster removed with his family to Tarkio township, where he engaged in farming for several years, but in 1864 the place of his residence was changed to Nevada, Ohio, where he again engaged in the hardware business but the charm of the west was potent and in 1865 he yielded to it, locating in Galva, Illinois, where he continued until 1867. In that year he again came to Page county and purchased a farm in Nebraska township, which was his home until 1872, when Mr. Foster came to Clarinda to form one of the firm of Collins & Thompson. At the end of a year, however, he withdrew from that firm and returned to the farm in Nebraska township, on which he resided until January 15, 1876. At that time he became a member of the hardware firm of Dunlap, Miller & Foster, of Clarinda, and for many years thereafter was closely associated with business interests of the city. In 1886 he joined William Butler in establishing the Bank of Newmarket in Taylor county, Iowa, where he conducted a banking business for eight years, his family home during that period remaining in Clarinda. The firm of Foster & Abbott

was formed in October, 1892, for the purpose of conducting a mercantile enterprise in Clarinda and when Mr. Foster's health failed two years later he retired permanently from active business.

Mr. Foster was always public-spirited and worked unceasingly for the welfare of Clarinda and vicinity, withholding his cooperation and support from no measure or movement which he deemed of value to the community at large. He was deeply interested in agricultural matters and was for several years president of the County Agricultural Society, while in other official ways he promoted its interests during its most flourishing period. During the time he was a member of the city council of Clarinda he was active in securing grounds for park purposes and was probably the originator in the city in establishing the city park, that now bears his name, and planned the arrangement of the trees it contains. For almost six years he was mayor of Clarinda and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death, which occurred on December 26, 1904. His administration was characterized by several valuable restrictive and regulative measures as well as large constructive work and that he received public indorsement of his course was indicated in the fact of his reelection.

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#### GEORGE W. SCHOLES.

George W. Scholes is a well known and worthy representative of the farming interests of Harlan township, now busily engaged in the cultivation and improvement of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 26. Nearly every state in the Union has furnished its quota of citizens to Iowa and among those sent by Ohio is Mr. Scholes, whose birth occurred near Loudonville, on the 7th of July, 1840. He was one of five children born unto Elijah and Caroline (Tracy) Scholes, who were also natives of Ohio. The mother died in that state in 1850 and the father was afterward married in Iowa to Salina Cox. Both died in Harlan township, Page county, Mr. Scholes passing away in 1876 at the age of seventy-seven years. He had followed farming throughout his entire life and had thus provided a comfortable living for his family.

By his first marriage he had five children. Benjamin T., now deceased, served in the Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. He responded to the country's first call for troops and on the expiration of the three months' term of enlistment was again enrolled as a soldier. He was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga but was not discharged until the close of the war. George W. was the second of the family. John W. was a member of the first Nebraska regiment for three years and then veteranized. He has never been heard from since the war and was reported among the missing. He was probably killed on the frontier for his horse returned with an empty saddle. Francis M. enlisted in Page county as a member of the eighth Iowa Cavalry under Captain Burns and was discharged at the close of the war after having participated in all of the en-

gements with his regiment. The daughter of the family, Elizabeth Scholes, became the wife of John A. Brown but is now deceased. The four sons of the family were away to the war at the same time and the parents with difficulty succeeded in keeping up the farm property. In addition to the four brothers, James A. Cox, who had been reared by Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Scholes, also joined the army, serving with the Third Iowa Cavalry. He, too, is now deceased.

In taking up the personal history of George W. Scholes we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Page county for he has resided upon his present farm in Harlan township for forty years. He was a youth of eleven years when in 1851 he came to Iowa with his parents, the family home being established in Lee county. Three years later they came to Page county, arriving in 1854, and in 1869 George W. Scholes took up his abode upon the place which he now owns. He was a youth of fourteen when the family came to the county and in the early days he shared in the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. He can well remember the time when much of the land was uncultivated, being covered with brush or the native prairie grasses. One could ride for miles without coming to a fence or house to impede his progress but with the passing years great changes have been wrought and the county is today thickly settled, while its wild prairie has been made to bloom and blossom as the rose.

Mr. Scholes continued in active identification with farming interests until after the outbreak of the Civil war when, feeling that his first duty was to his country, he joined the army as a member of Company A, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, under command of Captain Burns. He was in all of the engagements with his company and was honorably discharged at the close of hostilities. When the war was over he resumed farm work here and in 1869 took up his abode on section 26, Harlan township, where he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land. There are good improvements upon it, all of which were made by Mr. Scholes and the substantial buildings are a monument to his thrift and enterprise. He raises both grain and stock and he has recently sunk a coal shaft upon his farm, and has struck a two-foot vein—as large a one as has ever been found in this locality.

Not long after his return from the war Mr. Scholes was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Blair, who was born in Indiana, November 4, 1842, and in 1866 was married. She came to this county in 1856 with her parents, Robert and Jane C. Blair. Her father died in Superior, Nebraska, where her mother now resides at the age of eighty-six years, making her home with her oldest son. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Scholes has been blessed with seven children: Etna Arminnie, who is now the wife of Harry Wilkie, of Kansas; Jennie Ellen, who is the wife of Samuel Toner, of Harlan township; Eveline C., the wife of J. D. Knowles, of Amity township; Bertha, the wife of Willis Baird, also of Amity township; Mary, at home; Willie, who is living in Amity township; and Elmer, at home.

The family attend the Reformed Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Scholes is a devoted and active member. He has served on its board of trus-

tees for thirty-two consecutive years and takes a helpful part in all of the work of the church. His long residence in this county has made him widely known and his sterling qualities are recognized by all, who have found him honest and diligent in business, loyal in citizenship and faithful in friendship. He is numbered among the honored veterans that Page county sent to the Civil war and is as true to the country today as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields.

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ED F. ROSE.

Ed F. Rose, as president of the Clarinda National Bank, needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. The institution bears the impress of his individuality in its progressive methods. His course at all times will bear the closest investigation and his name is synonymous for business probity, while his word is as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. He was born in McDonough county, Illinois, July 24, 1859, his parents being Charles M. and Elsie H. (Buckner) Rose. The father was for some years engaged in various pursuits and following his removal to Page county, Iowa, made his home in Shenandoah, where he was connected with the grain trade.

Ed F. Rose pursued his early education in the public schools of Prairie City, Illinois, and afterward benefited by the system of public instruction in Shenandoah, subsequent to the removal of the family to this state. When his school days were over he entered a grocery store, where he was employed for a year, after which he became connected with the grain business owned and carried on by his father. This association was maintained in Shenandoah until 1879, when they removed to Coin and continued in the grain trade. In 1887 they purchased a lumber business, which they carried on under the firm style of C. M. Rose & Son. In 1892 the father retired from active business life and two years later passed away. On his father's retirement E. F. Rose took over the business, which he conducted and successfully managed in Coin until 1902, when he sold out. The succeeding three years were spent in Washington and Oregon, where he invested quite largely in timber land. In 1905 he came to Clarinda and accepted the position of vice president of the Clarinda National Bank and on the 1st of January, 1906, was elected to the presidency of this institution, which is regarded as one of the most substantial moneyed concerns of the county. It was founded on a safe, substantial basis and has been conducted along conservative lines, yet the spirit of modern progressiveness has not been lacking. Back of the bank are large securities and in control of the affairs of the institution are men of marked business capacity and power.

On the 12th of October, 1886, Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Clara Howell, of Lovington, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Howell, a farmer of that locality. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rose have a wide acquaintance

in Clarinda and have won the warm friendship of many with whom they have been brought in contact. Mr. Rose is a well known Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and in fact gives hearty cooperation to many progressive public movements, yet he regards his business affairs as the chief feature of his life, and year after year, whether in the grain trade or in banking, he has wrought along modern lines, never considering any points as too unessential to claim his time and attention if it promises to contribute to the substantial growth and upbuilding of the business. His interests have been advanced in accordance with the old and time-tried maxims—"there is no excellence without labor" and "honesty is the best policy." As the years have passed he has enlarged the sphere of his activity, and his labors and influence have been potent elements in general progress as well as individual success.

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#### W. P. FERGUSON.

It is not the distinctive and specific purpose of biography to give expression of a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the record establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion. Judged in this manner W. P. Ferguson is numbered among the eminent representatives of the Iowa bar and for many years has been termed "the first citizen of Shenandoah," not only in the fact that he was the first to establish himself in business here, but also because he has ever stood as a leader in the work of public progress and improvement, contributing in most substantial measure to those causes which have been foremost in upholding the legal and political status and in advancing the material, intellectual, social and moral interests of the city.

Judge Ferguson is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, his birth having occurred in that city, July 29, 1843. He was a lad of five years when with his parents he crossed the Atlantic to America on a sailing vessel, which was thirty days in making the voyage. During that period the family lost an infant son and brother, who was buried with marine service on board ship. For a few years after their arrival in this country the family resided in Erie county, New York, and then removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, where Judge Ferguson was reared to manhood. He supplemented his public-school education by study in the Londonderry Academy and while there pursuing his course became aroused by the wave of patriotism that swept over the country following the attack of the south upon the Union. Offering his services to the government he enlisted as a member of Company B, Fifth Independent Battalion Ohio Cavalry, and subsequently re-enlisted in a company of United States engineers. He did important service at the front and after the war was over returned to his childhood's home, but soon started westward, traveling by rail to St. Joseph, Missouri, then up the Missouri river on a steamboat to Nebraska City, Nebraska. The

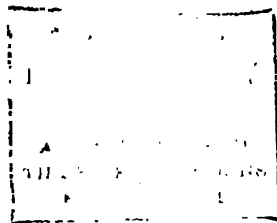






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desire to enjoy better business opportunities than could be secured in the east prompted him to take this step and, becoming identified with educational interests, he taught in a Nebraska school for a time, while later he accepted the superintendency of the public schools at Sidney, Iowa, and at Hamburg, Iowa. Eventually, however, he gave up school work at the latter place to enter the profession of law and removed to Shenandoah.

Judge Ferguson had previously read quite extensively, becoming familiar with Kent, Blackstone and other commentaries and in the month of August, 1870, having been admitted to the bar at Sidney, Iowa, he came to Shenandoah, where he at once began the erection of a little office building, the dimensions of which were probably about ten by twelve. This was, however, among the first improvements ever made upon the uncultivated grounds of Shenandoah. Judge Ferguson has remained here continuously since and was at all times actively engaged in the practice of law until the month of April, 1907, when he was elevated to the bench of the superior court through the appointment of Governor (now Senator) A. B. Cummins. He has since occupied the judgeship and his record on the bench has been in harmony with his record as a man and lawyer distinguished by unfaltering fidelity to duty and by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution. His decisions are based upon the law and the equity in the case and indicate thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and large familiarity with precedent. His life has been one of extraordinary activity and there are but few of the great legal battles that have occurred in Page county in the last thirty-five years that he has not actively participated in and he has had the reputation for a number of years of being one of the most successful trial lawyers in southwestern Iowa, unusually successful in the cases that he has appealed to the supreme court.

Judge Ferguson's work at the bar would alone entitle him to representation in this volume as one of the leading citizens of Page county, but in other directions his work has been equally noteworthy, far-reaching and beneficial. He prepared the incorporation papers for the town, wrote the ordinances for Shenandoah and has been directly identified with every improvement, public and private, that has been promulgated for the benefit of the city since he became its first settler thirty-nine years ago. It was he who first prepared the plans and secured the proposition that has resulted in a college for Shenandoah. While acting as mayor he corresponded with parties at Bushnell, Illinois, concerning building a college here and was one of two men who furnished funds for expenses of a man to come to Shenandoah and present the plan to the people. The two things the judge is especially proud of is the fact that all will acknowledge him to be the founder of the college and Presbyterian church here. He was also active in the building of the Wabash Railroad through Shenandoah, in the establishment of the fair grounds and in many other improvements which have been of material benefit here. His fellow townsmen have honored him with the office of mayor, in which he gave a public-spirited and business-like administration. He also held the office of county attorney of Page county for two terms. In politics he has always been an ardent republican,

taking an active part in the various political campaigns which have occurred since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

On the 17th of June, 1874, Judge Ferguson was married to Miss Julia Burnet, who was at that time a school teacher in Shenandoah. They have become parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, and with the exception of one daughter now living in Seattle all are residing within a block of the old homestead, at No. 305 Church street. There is a substantial and modern residence, justly celebrated as the abode of hospitality. Judge Ferguson is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, which he joined on its organization in 1872, while his wife is an Episcopalian in religious belief. His present duties as judge of the superior court keep him busy in the trial of cases, but he still finds time to lead a literary life and has gradually built up one of the most extensive libraries of history and biography in this part of the state. Considering all that he has accomplished in the profession and all that he has done for the city of his residence it may well be said of him when his life's labors shall have ended—and may that day be far distant:

“He leaves a patriot's name to after times,  
Linked with a thousand virtues—and no crimes.”

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#### EARL R. FERGUSON.

Earl R. Ferguson, a man of purpose whose plans are well formulated and who accomplishes what he plans, is a native son of Shenandoah, his birth having here occurred April 30, 1876. He is a son of Judge W. P. Ferguson, mentioned elsewhere in this volume, and his work has been in accordance with the example set by his honored father, who from the earliest days of Shenandoah's development has been a most important factor in its growth and upbuilding. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools and passing through the consecutive grades was graduated from the high school with the class of 1893. He afterward spent two years as a student at the Western Normal College and also one year on the Galveston (Tex.) News, his newspaper experience being a source of benefit in widening his information and giving him practical business experience.

Returning to his home, Earl R. Ferguson took up the study of law, which he read with his father as his preceptor for three years. He was then admitted to the bar in 1900 before the supreme court at Des Moines, and at once entered upon active practice in Shenandoah, where he has since remained as a successful and capable follower of the profession, being recognized today as one of the leaders of the Page county bar, although the years of connection therewith of most of its members far outnumber his own. In no calling is advancement more dependent upon individual effort and it is by reason of his comprehensive knowledge of the law, his careful preparation of his cases and his keen discrimination in seeing the relation between legal principles and points in litigation that Mr. Ferguson has gained the

place of distinction that he now occupies at the bar of southeastern Iowa. In the contested election of Hon. W. P. Hepburn versus W. D. Jamieson, although a republican Mr. Ferguson represented Mr. Jamieson, the democratic contestant, who was successful.

On the 22d of October, 1902, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ferguson and Miss Lucile Ann Bull, a daughter of Isaac T. and Jennie (Adams) Bull. Mrs. Ferguson was born in College Springs, Page county, September 30, 1878. She obtained her education in the public schools and Amity College, of her native town. Her parents came to Page county from Knox county, Illinois, in 1870 and settled on a farm in Amity township, where they lived for about three decades. Retiring from active business life in 1889, Mr. Bull then removed to Shenandoah, where he and his wife still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have one child, Sterling Burnet, born August 7, 1903.

The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Ferguson is serving as a trustee and in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degree of the blue lodge and the chapter, and is also connected through membership relations with the Elks, the Woodmen, the Maccabees, the Foresters, the Highlanders, the Knights and Ladies of Security, the Caledonian Club and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and the political offices which he has filled have been in the line of his profession. For eight years he acted as justice of the peace, trying cases in the justice courts before he was seventeen years of age.

He has also filled the office of city attorney for four years.

Shenandoah owes much to him for his efforts in her behalf as he has been one of the main factors in exploiting the advantages and opportunities of his home town and has been chiefly instrumental in bringing to its portals almost every industry which is now found here and which contributes to the business activity and consequent prosperity of the city. He owns a modern residence and other Shenandoah realty and he has one of the best law libraries in Page county and is an able attorney with a splendid future before him. Also numbered among the vigorous, energetic, enterprising young men, his property has come as the result of the many substantial and admirable qualities which he has displayed and which have gained him a firm hold on the affection of his fellow townsmen, as well as a prominent place in professional ranks and in connection with public affairs.

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### S. A. YOUNGBERG.

Tarkio township has a class of citizens of which it has every reason to be proud as on the whole they are energetic, seeking success in legitimate lines of business and recognizing at the same time their individual obligations to their fellowmen and to the country. Not a few of Tarkio's citizens come

from Sweden and to this class belongs S. A. Youngberg, who is now following farming on section 3. He was born in Sweden in June, 1837, his parents being John and Anna Swanson, both of whom lived and died in Sweden. Mr. Youngberg was reared in the place of his nativity and received his mental training in the schools of that land. He remained a resident of his native country until thirty years of age, when in 1867 he sailed for the United States, settling first in Henry county, Illinois, where he lived for six years. During that period he engaged in farming as a renter, after which he came to Page county, Iowa, and, in connection with his brother Henry, purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3, Tarkio township. They were associated in business for five and six years and S. A. Youngberg then purchased his brother's interests in the farm. He has resided on this place continuously since coming to Page county and its excellent appearance is indicative of the life of well directed energy and thrift which he has lived.

Mr. Youngberg was married while still a resident of Sweden, Miss Mathilda Johnson becoming his wife in 1863. Their children are seven in number: Charlie and John, who are both residing in Montgomery county, Iowa; Hilma, the wife of Lenus Peterson, of Chicago, Illinois; Lena; Edward, also of Montgomery county, Iowa; Otto, of Fremont township, Page county; and Arthur, who is working the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngberg hold membership in the Lutheran church and find its teachings the incentive for righteousness and for integrity. Mr. Youngberg is a republican in politics. His record is such an instance as may frequently be found where the sons of Sweden have come to the new world, bringing with them the characteristics of persevering industry and reliability common to the race. He has not sought through speculation or by any devious methods the success which is now his but has gained his prosperity and his competence as the reward of earnest, diligent labor that has continued through the passing years.

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#### HARRY EDMOND PARSLow.

Harry Edmond Parslow, a leading attorney of Clarinda, who has practiced continuously since 1879, is a native of Canada, his birth having occurred in Middlesex county, on the 15th of April, 1855. He is the son of Abraham and Hannah (Mahon) Parslow, the former a farmer by occupation. His youthful days were spent in his parents' home, during which time he pursued his education in the public schools and also took a preparatory course. For a year and a half he engaged in teaching school and then came to Iowa, arriving in Clarinda on the 3d of September, 1875. To provide for his own support he secured a clerkship and was thus connected with mercantile interests in the city until the fall of 1878. In the meantime he had devoted those hours which are usually termed leisure to the study of law and in further preparation for the profession he entered the law

department of the University of Iowa, where he continued his reading until his admission to the bar in June, 1879. He at once began practice at Clarinda, where he has since remained and his knowledge of the law, combined with his ability to accurately apply its principles, has brought him substantial and gratifying success as a representative of the legal profession. For years he has been local attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He served as city attorney at one time and is also vice president of the Clarinda National Bank.

Mr. Parslow is not unmindful of his duties of citizenship but takes interest in furthering movements for the public good, his cooperation being always dependent upon whether the general welfare is involved. He acted on the committee on building and grounds of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly and was a member of the committee which bought the present site of the public library. He has for years been a member of the executive committee of the Commercial Club, which has done valuable work in furthering the business interests and thereby promoting the general prosperity of the community.

Mr. Parslow was united in marriage to Miss Anna Burrows, of Clarinda, a daughter of John P. Burrows, who for some years was a druggist here but is now living retired and makes his home in Los Angeles, California. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parslow has been born one child, Dorothy. The parents are prominent socially in Clarinda, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them. Mr. Parslow has for a third of a century made his home here and is a man whom to know is to respect because of the substantial quality of his leading characteristics. In all of his public and private relations he has merited the esteem which is uniformly given him. He regards a public office as a public trust and at all times holds friendship inviolable.

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#### N. P. DAMEWOOD.

In a history of the agricultural development of Nebraska township and of Page county mention should be made of N. P. Damewood, who for more than half a century has been identified with the farming interests of this part of the state. His home is situated on the county line and comprises one hundred and two acres. That which lies in Page county is on sections 24 and 25, Nebraska township, while twenty-two acres extend across the boundary line into Dallas township, Taylor county.

His life record began in Dubois county, Indiana, November 9, 1852, and in the spring of 1857 he was brought to Iowa by his parents, Isaac and Elizabeth (McFarren) Damewood, who settled in Taylor county. Both the father and mother were natives of east Tennessee, where they were reared and married. They afterward went to Indiana, where two children were born unto them. When they had spent six or eight years in Indiana they determined to seek a home west of the Mississippi and as stated took up their abode in Taylor county. Their last days were spent in Page county

where the father served as sheriff for eight consecutive years. He died at the age of seventy-seven years and the mother passed away a year later at the age of seventy-five years. They had a large family of thirteen children: F. A., who for the past twenty-seven years has been a railway mail clerk and is living in Nebraska City; E. C., whose home is in Coin, Iowa; J. H., a resident of Clarinda; Nancy, who died unmarried; N. P., of this review; Erastus, who died in childhood; Mrs. Sallie Duke, deceased; Bessie, the wife of John Riggle; William, who is living in Wyoming; I. M., of Gravity, Iowa; Carrie, the wife of Wallace Hoskins, of Page county; U. G., a resident of Clarinda; and Minnie, who died in infancy.

When the family came to Iowa they established their home about three miles south of Newmarket but after living there for three years the parents removed to Nebraska township, where N. P. Damewood has resided most of the time since. He has been on this farm for the past twenty-seven years save for a brief period. The place comprises one hundred and two acres of land, all of which is situated on sections 24 and 25, Nebraska township, with the exception of twenty-two acres which lie across the boundary line in Dallas township, Taylor county. There are good buildings upon the farm which were erected by Mr. Damewood and he is busily employed in tilling the soil and in raising stock. He annually harvests good crops of corn and other cereals and good grades of cattle, horses and hogs are found in his pastures and feed lots.

On the 28th of December, 1876, Mr. Damewood was united in marriage to Miss Clara Harrington, who was born in Delaware county, New York, February 27, 1853, and is the daughter of Eli Patton and Phoebe Ann (Olmstead) Harrington, both of whom were natives of New York. During the Civil war the father was a soldier of the Union army for one year, serving in Company H, of the Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was assigned to duty at St. Louis and by reason of his strength was detached for service in the unloading of war vessels. In that work he was exposed to many hardships and to all kinds of inclement weather, and by reason of the fact that he was obliged to work in mud and water he contracted rheumatism and his health became greatly impaired. He never fully recovered and by a year he was honorably discharged. As a result of his military experience he eventually drew the pension of one wholly incapacitated for physical labor. For more than three years prior to his death he was confined to bed as the victim of paralysis. In 1856 he had removed with his family from New York to Knox county, Illinois, and about 1872 arrived in Page county. After living in Clarinda for seven or eight years he removed to Nebraska township, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1901 when he was seventy years of age, the funeral services being held in the Methodist Episcopal church in Hawleyville, where his remains were interred in the Memory cemetery. He was a man of the strictest integrity of character and left behind him that proudest of achievements—a good name. His widow, who had tenderly cared for him through all the years of his suffering, passed away on May 6, 1904, at the age of seventy years. She was born in Delaware county, New York,

March 4, 1834. When she was sixteen years of age she was converted and became a member of the Methodist church and throughout her entire life was a most earnest and consistent Christian. Her remains were interred by the side of her husband in Memory cemetery, and three children were left to mourn her loss: Mrs. Damewood; Dr. J. S. Harrington, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; and Luella E., who is now residing with her sister. One child, George L., who was the third member of the family, died at the age of a year and a half. Mr. and Mrs. Damewood have many friends here and enjoy the hospitality of the best homes, for their many sterling qualities have gained them the warm regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

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### S. M. ELRICK, JR.

S. M. Elrick, Jr., owning and operating a valuable and productive farm of seventy-seven acres in Valley township, was born in Henry county, Illinois, on the 18th of February, 1864, his parents being S. M. and Margaret (Ferlhing) Elrick, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The year 1868 witnessed their arrival in Page county, Iowa, and here they subsequently purchased a tract of land. Both the father and mother still survive, being now residents of Minnesota. Of their family of eleven children, the following are yet living: S. M., of this review; H. C., of New Mexico; F. P., who makes his home in Minnesota; J. C., living in Page county; and H. C., likewise a resident of Minnesota.

S. M. Elrick, Jr., attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until he had attained his majority. He then took up veterinary work and successfully devoted his attention to that profession for fifteen years. Subsequently he worked on the railroad for three years and in 1900 purchased his present farm of seventy-seven acres in Valley township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since given his time and energies. He has won a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in the conduct of his agricultural interests and is widely recognized as one of the successful farmers and representative citizens of the community.

In 1885 Mr. Elrick was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary B. Sullivan, a native of Page county, Iowa, and a daughter of Jerry and Sarah (Orphen) Sullivan, both of whom were born in Ireland. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1856 and for a period of six years made their home in Boston, Massachusetts, after which they spent a few years in Canton, Illinois. In 1867 they came to Page county, Iowa, residing here until called to their final rest. Their family numbered thirteen children, nine now living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Elrick have been born eight children, as follows: Dora L., the wife of Henry Fastneau, of Page county; Jennie B., who is the wife of Herman Fastneau and also makes her home in



this county; Irene E., Vida G., Della, Frederick and Wilma G., all at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Elrick gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served in the position of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 482, at Hepburn, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His wife is a devoted and faithful member of the United Brethren church, exemplifying its teachings in her daily life. They are well known socially, and the hospitality of their own pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by an extensive circle of friends.

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#### O. A. KIMBALL.

In a history of the business development of Clarinda and Page county mention should be made of O. A. Kimball, who for some years figured prominently in connection with the lumber trade and later with the agricultural interests of the community. He was born in New Hampshire in 1835 and was a son of Edwin and Elizabeth (Prescott) Kimball, both of whom were natives of New England. The father followed the occupation of farming in New Hampshire, where both he and his wife died. The Kimball family was established on American soil in the early period in the colonization of the new world, and representatives of the name served as loyal soldiers in the Revolutionary war.

O. A. Kimball was reared in his native state, remaining in New Hampshire until nineteen years of age. In the meantime he attended the Pembroke Academy, thus supplementing his early public-school education. At nineteen years of age he went to Peoria, Illinois, where he spent two years in working at the carpenter's trade. On the expiration of that period he came to Clarinda in 1857 and here embarked in the lumber business, hauling his first load of lumber from Council Bluffs. He was in partnership with Charles P. Osgood and the enterprise which they established and for some time conducted is now carried on under the name of the Green Bay Lumber Company. In 1887 Mr. Kimball and his partner sold out to the White Pine Lumber Company, which later disposed of their yard to the Green Bay Lumber Company. On withdrawing from lumber circles Mr. Kimball retired and turned his attention to the cultivation of his farm southeast of Clarinda for two years. At the time he sold his lumber interests he built an elegant residence at No. 201 North Eighteenth street and it continued to be his home until his death and is yet occupied by his widow.

In 1863, at Clarinda, Mr. Kimball was married to Miss Eva Pierce, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Woods) Pierce, natives of Ohio and of Pennsylvania respectively. Her father and mother came to Iowa in 1859, locating at College Springs, and Mr. Pierce devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He died there in 1866, having survived his wife for but five days. In the Pierce family were eleven children: Mary Jane, who







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became the wife of Charles Mower, of Greenville, Pennsylvania, but both are now deceased; William B., who joined Company K of the Fourth Iowa Infantry and died during his service in the Civil war; Sophronia, who is the widow of Azariah Dunham and lives in Warren, Pennsylvania; Melissa, who is the widow of Dr. J. N. McMurray and is living in Franklin, Pennsylvania; Marilla, who is the wife of Rev. William Hayes, now living retired in Winfield, Kansas; Elizabeth, who is the widow of T. R. Stockton and makes her home in Ridgewood, New Jersey; Mrs. Kimball; Mrs. N. M. Bodwell, of College Springs, Iowa; Mrs. M. B. Feltch, of Golden, Colorado; John, who joined Company K of the Fourth Iowa Infantry and died while serving at the front in the Civil war; and Albert L, who married Emma Pratt and lives in Hardy, Nebraska. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kimball were born three children but Frank and Albert Edmond are now deceased. The only surviving member of the family is Ruth, now the wife of Dr. R. J. Matthews, of Clarinda.

The death of the husband and father occurred in 1892. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and lived an upright, honorable life. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and all who knew him esteemed him for his genuine worth and his sterling traits of character. He took an active and helpful interest in promoting the business development of Clarinda and at all times was a progressive citizen, doing everything in his power to advance the interests of the community at large. Mrs. Kimball still owns a beautiful country residence on North Eighteenth street, together with the lumberyard property and buildings on Washington street. Her husband left her comfortably situated in life, her income being sufficient to supply her with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. She, too, is held in warm regard throughout Clarinda and this part of the state, and like her husband has many staunch friends.

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#### C. A. KAMPE.

C. A. Kampe is one of Fremont township's enterprising young farmers who is not only progressive in business but also active in community affairs, his aid and influence being always given on the side of progress and improvement. He was born June 19, 1878, in the township in which he still makes his home, his parents being Charles J. and Mathilda (Grundberg) Kampe. They came to the United States before their marriage, sailing from Sweden, their native country. After reaching the shores of the new world they proceeded to the Mississippi valley and established their home in Page county, where C. J. Kampe afterward purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and began farming. He lived a diligent, useful life and continued to make his home upon the farm until 1904, when he removed to Red Oak, where he is now living retired, spending the evening of life in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

C. A. Kampe at the usual age entered the public schools and as the years increased his added responsibilities made him familiar with the farm work. When twenty years of age he began farming on his own account, renting the land from John Bergstrom. On this place he has lived for thirteen years, carefully cultivating the soil, and the generous crops which he garners indicate that he is a skilled and successful agriculturist. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with the science of farming and his crops are second to none in this section. He is a man of influence, greatly esteemed as a neighbor and citizen.

On the 20th of April, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kampe and Miss Hilda Bergstrom, a daughter of John Bergstrom, and unto them have been born five children: Florence I., Dora V., Alice V., Frances M. M., and Hilda R. The parents are true to the Christian teachings of the Swedish Lutheran church, in which both hold membership, while Mr. Kampe is a member of the board of trustees of the church and otherwise is actively interested in its work and support. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. Having always lived in Fremont township his life history is well known to a large number of the residents of that part of the county and the substantial qualities which he has always displayed have given him classification with the leading farmers of the community.

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#### WALTER WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Among the leading enterprises which contribute to the business activity and upbuilding of Clarinda is that conducted by the Clarinda Poultry, Butter & Egg Company, of which Mr. Richardson is secretary and manager. As the result of his close application and energy intelligently applied the business has made rapid and substantial advancement and he is today numbered among the most prosperous residents of this city. He was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, on the 31st of May, 1873, is a son of Henry and Mary Ann (Winskell) Richardson. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in order to provide for his family.

W. W. Richardson was but a young child when his parents removed from Wisconsin to Iowa and in the public schools of Kingsley in Plymouth county, he acquired his early education. Later he attended what is now the Morning Side College, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1889. He afterward studied law for a time, thinking to make that profession his life work, but later abandoned the idea and in 1892 entered the grain and implement business at Sioux City, Iowa, where he was thus employed for twelve years. During a part of that time he was credit man and traveling salesman for the house. Throughout the entire period he recognized that advancement follows earnest, intelligent effort as a logical sequence and by his persistency of purpose and unfaltering industry, he worked his way upward. On the 28th of December, 1903, he came to Clarinda and accepted a position in the Clarinda Poultry, Butter & Egg

Company, being given charge of the separator and the creamery department. Later he became financially interested in the company and was made treasurer. He has since been elected secretary and general manager, filling the dual position for the past six years. In this connection he has done important work for the development of an enterprise which in extent and importance is one of the foremost of the county. The volume of trade annually managed by the company is very extensive and has been a source of general prosperity in southwestern Iowa.

Mr. Richardson was married on the 10th of June, 1896, to Miss Lida J. White, of Sioux City, Iowa, a daughter of Captain Allen B. White, well known as a merchant. They have one child, Ethel Maurina. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a trustee, and in the work of the church he takes an active interest, while to its support he contributes generously. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He has figured for many years as a leading and prominent business man of Page county and his record proves that there is no discordant element between success and honesty.

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### JOSEPH BURWELL.

Joseph Burwell owns and cultivates a tract of land of forty acres on section 26, Nodaway township. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and his record is in many respects a highly creditable one worthy of emulation. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, August 19, 1834, and his parents, William and Nancy (Morris) Burwell, were also natives of that state. In 1865 they came to Iowa and the mother died in Linn county during the first year of their residence in this state. The father afterward came to Page county and here spent his remaining days. He was a farmer by occupation, always following that pursuit in order to provide for his family which numbered eight children, namely: Mrs. Mary Ann Brokaw, who died in 1909; Joseph, of this review; John, Morgan, Job, William and Thomas, all now deceased; and Mrs. Elizabeth Worden, living in Wisconsin.

Joseph Burwell was reared in the place of his nativity, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He resided in Crawford county, Ohio, until his removal to Iowa in 1866. For a year he lived in Linn county, and then came to Page county, having made his home continuously within its borders for forty-two years. He has always engaged in the tilling of the soil and his farm is now comprised of forty acres on section 26, Nodaway township, in addition to which he has five acres in Gravity, Iowa, on which good improvements have been made. He has lived a life of well directed industry and thrift and whatever success he has achieved or advantage he has enjoyed are attributable to his own labors.



On the 3d of December, 1856, Mr. Burwell was married to Miss Sarah Eby, who was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in July, 1837, and was a daughter of Peter and Rebecca Eby, who spent their entire lives in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Burwell became the parents of eight children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Their sons and daughters are as follows: A. W., who resides in Gravity, Iowa; Ida R., the wife of A. J. Heniger, living in Yorktown, Page county; Elmer M., who is located at Gravity; Emma, the wife of A. J. Walker, of Kansas; L. W., living in Nodaway township; J. O. of Hollyville; Carrie, the wife of Frank Brokaw, of Nodaway township; and C. A., of Taylor county. Mr. and Mrs. Burwell have twenty-seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Their three eldest children were born in Ohio and the others in Iowa. They also reared an adopted daughter, Iona, who was legally adopted. She is now the widow of Charles Heninger and resides with Mr. and Mrs. Burwell. She has one child, Cecil.

In his political views Mr. Burwell is a prohibitionist, for he believes firmly in the temperance cause and does what he can for its promotion. He was a member of the United Brethren church while living in Ohio but has become a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since living in this county. He is one of the respected citizens of southwestern Iowa, where he has now lived for more than four decades, during which period he has witnessed many changes as the county has been developed, the work of reclamation being carried on until Page county now ranks with the leading counties of this great commonwealth in all of its opportunities, its interests and its advantages.

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#### ALFRED FRANKLIN BEAL.

Not so abnormally developed in any direction as to be called a genius, Alfred Franklin Beal however has been one of the active men of Clarinda, identified for many years with its business interests and its public concerns. He is preeminently a man of affairs and one who has and is still wielding a wide influence. With no aids at the outset of his career he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now at the head of one of the leading commercial interests of Clarinda and at once gives the impression of alertness, enterprise and strong force of character.

He was born in Union county, Ohio, September 27, 1849, his parents being Jeremiah and Mary A. (Hartford) Beal, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. About 1823 the father accompanied his parents on their removal to the Buckeye state, and in the year 1853 emigrated to Henderson county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming for many years. In 1874 he took up his abode in Mahaska county, Iowa, where he resided until his life's labors were ended in death in 1896. He was a member of the Society of Friends or Quakers and lived his life in harmony with the teachings of that religious sect. He died at the venerable age of

eighty-five years, while his wife was but thirty-two years of age at the time of her demise.

A. F. Beal was a little motherless lad of three years when he accompanied his father on the removal from Union county, Ohio, to Illinois. He acquired his preliminary education in the common schools and after he had devoted a few years to business he entered the Denmark Academy at Denmark, Iowa. He also attended the Prairie City Academy at Prairie City, Illinois, and when but fifteen years of age he cut wood at a dollar per cord in order to earn the funds necessary to enable him to pursue his further studies. In 1869, at the age of nineteen years, he entered business circles while becoming identified with a general mercantile enterprise in Terre Haute, Illinois. He began doing business on credit but in 1877 changed his methods and has since carried on all business concerns on a strictly cash basis, never swerving from this rule. In 1881 he came to Clarinda, where he opened a general store, which he has since conducted and developed for a period of over forty years. He has been very successful, winning a constantly growing trade by his reliable methods and his earnest desire to please his patrons. In 1893 he erected a store building on the north side of the square, where he has since conducted his store, having now a well selected line of goods attractively displayed in a two-story brick building, twenty-four by one hundred and forty feet. His name is prominent in commercial circles and has always stood as a synonym for business integrity, enterprise and successful management.

Mr. Beal has also figured in connection with other important public interests. In 1897 he was made a director of the Clarinda Chautauqua Association and has been a member of the board since that time with the exception of a period of two years. He was once school director but has never been an office seeker, preferring to do his public service in a private capacity. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and for a number of years has served on its finance committee.

On the 16th of September, 1873, Mr. Beal was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Foresman, of Prairie City, Illinois, a daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Boyd (Hayes) Foresman, the father a millwright by trade. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beal were born six children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are: Tacie, the wife of Dr. C. C. Klumph, of Chicago; Winifred, the wife of Marion D. Looney, a farmer of Salem, Oregon; E. Clyde, a civil engineer, who is residing in Spokane, Washington; George Hamilton, a teacher in the high school at Chicago; and Blanche, wife of Wilson C. Hanna, a chemist in Colton, California.

Mr. Beal is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council. He has also been a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp for twenty years. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature. He is a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy and liberal views. Throughout his life he has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and he gained a most satisfactory reward. His life has been exemplary in many respects and he has the esteem of his friends and the confidence of those with whom he has had

business relations. Always courteous and cheerful, displaying deference for the opinions of others, yet it is known that his loyalty to his beliefs cannot be shaken.

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### JAMES G. WILLIAMS, M. D.

Dr. James G. Williams, deceased, who for a number of years was a successful practitioner of medicine in Braddyville, Page county, Iowa, was born in Ohio on the 12th of July, 1830. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and attended the district schools in the acquirement of his early education. When eighteen years of age he went to Richland, Keokuk county, Iowa, where he enrolled as a student in the high school of that city. After completing his high-school course he entered the Keokuk Medical College in preparation for a professional career. He later attended the St. Louis Medical University, from which he was graduated in 1856 with high honors in a large class. Thus well equipped to meet the duties of his chosen life work, he opened an office in Richland, where he engaged in the general practice of medicine for six years, and then in 1862 he removed to Kirkville, Iowa, where he practiced until 1870.

In the early part of that year Dr. Williams came to Page county, locating in Clarinda, where he remained for about three months, and then took up his residence in Braddyville in August, 1870. For a period of twenty-six years he remained in active practice of his profession in this city, during which time he built up an extensive and representative practice. He was peculiarly adapted to the profession which he chose as a life work and was well equipped both by training and long years of practical experience to successfully and satisfactorily meet the demands made upon him by the large patronage accorded him. Realizing fully the obligations that devolved upon him in his professional capacity, he performed all duties with a sense of conscientious obligation and won favorable regard by reason of his skill and his personal worth. He was widely recognized as one of the leading physicians of the community and was well known in the medical fraternity throughout Page county and also Iowa.

It was in the year of 1849 that Dr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hardin, a daughter of the Rev. Henry Hardin, of Richland, Iowa. To this union were born the following children: Mary, the wife of C. W. Reece, of Sharon Springs, Wallace county, Kansas; Catharine D., who wedded J. L. Page and makes her home in Wallace, Kansas; Henry J., residing in Sharon Springs; and Harvey B., of Denver, Colorado. In 1860 the mother and wife passed away and in 1870 Dr. Williams was again married, his second union being with Miss Frances M. Comstock, a daughter of Dr. A. B. and Sarah A. (Sullivan) Comstock, pioneer settlers of Wapelo county, Iowa. The mother had the distinction of being the first white child born in the state of Iowa.

Dr. Williams gave his political allegiance to the republican party and during his residence in Braddyville he took a very active part in public affairs, while his fellow citizens, recognizing his sterling traits of character, called him to various offices of trust and honor. He served for a number of years as notary public and justice of the peace and was also elected mayor of the town. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows of Richland, Iowa, and the spirit of brotherly kindness and helpfulness of those orders found exemplification in his entire life record. He was not only a skillful physician but was also a keen business man and during his lifetime had accumulated considerable property, at the time of his death owning a large amount of city and country real estate. He passed away on the 2d of May, 1896, and in his death the community lost one of its valued and representative citizens. His widow now resides in a comfortable home in Braddyville, and aside from the property which she owns in Buchanan township she owns one hundred and forty acres near Ottumwa, this state. She is a lady of excellent traits of character and occupies a high place in the social circles of Braddyville.

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#### EZRA M. FLEENOR.

Ezra M. Fleenor, a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Valley township, Page county, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Henry county on the 27th of June, 1860. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Shidler) Fleenor, natives of Iowa and of Pennsylvania respectively, both of whom still survive and make their home in Clarinda. In their family were seven children, all of whom are living but one.

Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, Ezra M. Fleenor devoted the years of his boyhood and youth to the acquirement of a common-school education and to the work of the farm. He early became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and the experience thus gained proved of inestimable value to him when later he entered business on his own account. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, and then, seeking to earn his own livelihood, he rented land in Page county, which he continued to operate for two years. At the expiration of that time he went west to Nebraska and purchased a farm, upon which he resided for five years. He then sold that property and returned to Page county, where he again became a renter for three years, and then purchased the farm upon which he now resides. It consists of one hundred and sixteen acres located on section 32, Valley township, and is a well improved farm, Mr. Fleenor having brought the fields under a high state of cultivation. In connection with his general farming he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, the high grade of which insures them a ready sale upon the market. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and his close application and capable management of his business affairs are securing for him most gratifying prosperity.

On the 27th of February, 1884, Mr. Fleenor was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Williams, a daughter of John and Amy (Rogers) Williams, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. She was born in England and came to this country when but five years of age. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, as follows: Ralph W., residing in Page county; Winifred, deceased; Gerene M.; and Bertha.

The parents are members of the United Brethren church while Mr. Fleenor is fraternally connected with the Woodmen of the World. Politically he gives his support to the democracy. Aside from that he has held no public office, neither seeking nor desiring political preferment. Mr. Fleenor stands high in the agricultural circles of Valley township and his progressive spirit and his true worth of character have won him the confidence and respect of the community.

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### J. EDGAR SAWHILL.

J. Edgar Sawhill, owning and operating one of the finest and most productive farms of Page county, is thereon engaged in general agricultural pursuits and is meeting with excellent success in his undertaking. He is a well known figure in agricultural circles throughout the county, being actively connected with the Farmers' Institute and also with the experimental station for a number of years. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of October, 1858, a son of John and Jane (Pollock) Sawhill, the former born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and the latter in Ohio county, West Virginia, in 1824. The father was an extensive farmer in his native county and was the owner of several hundred acres. He was very prominent in the community in which he resided, active alike in church and politics, and he settled many estates throughout the county. He and his wife both passed away in Washington county, his death occurring in 1887, while she survived until 1903.

In their family were seven children, namely: Anna, the widow of J. C. McConahey, of Washington county, Pennsylvania; Mary, who passed away in 1870; T. A., residing in Corcordia, Kansas; Elizabeth, the widow of J. M. Post, of Washington county, Pennsylvania; W. F., a resident physician of Concordia, Kansas; J. Edgar, of this review; and Rev. E. O. Sawhill, a Presbyterian minister of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. With the exception of our subject all the members of this family received college educations.

In the public schools of his native county J. Edgar Sawhill acquired his education, passing through consecutive grades until he became a student in the high school. After his graduation therefrom he engaged in general farming in the Keystone state until 1892, in which year he came to Page county, Iowa, locating in Clarinda. There he remained for one year and in the spring of 1893 he removed to his present farm in Nodaway township, consisting of one hundred and ten acres of land on section 36, one mile





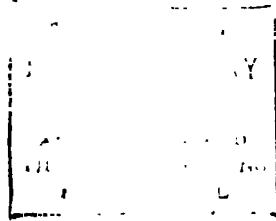


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west of the courthouse. In 1907 Mr. Sawhill erected a fine large house, and the excellent barns and outbuildings which stand upon the place have all been built by him within the last ten years. The fields are under a high state of cultivation, fences are kept in excellent repair and the grounds are well kept, so that his place is one of the best improved and most attractive properties in the county. Mr. Sawhill practices intensified farming and the gross receipts from his farm are probably greater than those of any other farm of similar size in Page county. He also raises all kinds of stock and is interested to some extent in the dairy business, while he cultivates all of the various kinds of fruits which find a ready demand in the town. In the conduct of these various interests Mr. Sawhill displays keen business discernment and excellent management and as a result he is today ranked among the substantial, progressive and influential farmers of Page county.

His farm adjoins the county farm, whereon is conducted the experimental station of Page county. This station is operated by the County Farmers' Institute and Mr. Sawhill has been on the committee of this institution since its organization. He has also been active in the affairs of the Farmers' Institute of this county for the past ten years and has thus gained a wide acquaintance throughout Page county.

It was on the 17th of October, 1883, that Mr. Sawhill was united in marriage to Minnie A. Garrett, of College Springs, Iowa. She is a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, born on the 22d of November 1859, and a daughter of W. G. Garrett, formerly of Washington county but now residing in College Springs. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill has been blessed with two children, namely: W. Herbert, engaged in the animal industry, being connected with the agricultural bureau of the United States, located at present in New Mexico; and Eldwin, who is yet under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Clarinda and he is an elder therein. In politics he is a stalwart republican, and although he is deeply interested in the progress of the party and does all in his power to extend its influence in the community, he has never desired nor sought public office as a reward for party fealty. His life has been preeminently that of a business man who is concentrating his time and energies upon his private affairs in the acquirement of a gratifying measure of success, which he well merits.

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#### HON. O. H. FRINK.

Hon. O. H. Frink is one of Page county's representative citizens who has never allowed personal interest or ambition to dwarf his public spirit. His feelings have ever found expression in prompt action rather than in theory and as mayor of Shenandoah he is now doing effective work in promoting needed restrictive, regulative and constructive measures. He

also stands as one who has been prominent in business circles, his previous activity and well directed energy bringing him the competence that makes possible his present retirement.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Frink was born in the city of Elkhart, May 26, 1848, a son of Hannibal and Eliza (Armstrong) Frink, natives of Herkimer county, New York, and of Detroit, Michigan, respectively. They were married, however, in Ohio, to which state they had previously removed. After their marriage they began their domestic life there and continued residence in that state until their removal to Elkhart, Indiana, where the father died in 1848. He was a shipbuilder and carpenter by trade. His widow survived him for only five years and departed this life in Lafayette, Illinois, in 1853.

O. H. Frink, left an orphan when but five years of age, was reared by a guardian in Elkhart, Indiana, and remained with him until the marriage of his elder sister, with whom he then took up his abode in Kewanee, Illinois. It was there he largely acquired his education in the common schools but when only fourteen years of age he started out in the business world on his own account, being first employed at farm labor. He was but sixteen years of age when, in 1864, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company A, One hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served through the last year of the war and was transferred from the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth to the Thirty-third Regiment in July, 1865, continuing with that command until he received his honorable discharge in November following. He was but a boy in years but his military service made him a man in experience for he had not only suffered the hardships and privations that fall to the lot of the soldier but had also faced danger and death on the battlefields of the south.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Frink returned to Kewanee, Illinois, where he secured a clerkship in a mercantile establishment, with which he was identified for six years. He then came to Page county, Iowa. He has since been numbered among its residents and as the years have passed his activities and interests have constituted an important feature in the general growth and improvement of this part of the state. He first located on a tract of unbroken prairie land near Shenandoah, purchasing eighty acres, to the improvement of which he gave his energies through many years, converting the place into fertile fields, from which he annually gathered abundant harvests. He became recognized as one of the practical, progressive and representative farmers of the locality and resided upon his land until 1890, when he was elected to the office of county treasurer and removed his family to Clarinda. He filled the position for three terms in most acceptable and creditable manner and throughout that period maintained his residence at the county seat. In November, 1895, higher political honors were conferred upon him in his election to the state legislature but prior to taking his seat in the general assembly he removed his family back to the farm. For two terms he was a member of the house of representatives, serving in the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh general assemblies and also

in an extra session to revise the code. His work as a legislator covered the years of 1896, 1897 and 1898, during which period he served on a number of important committees and was connected with a number of leading regulative and constructive measures which found their way to the statute books of the state.

Following his retirement from office Mr. Frink returned to the farm; where he resided until the spring of 1903, when he sold that property and removed to Shenandoah, there associating himself with C. A. Hamilton under the firm name of Frink & Hamilton for the purpose of conducting a heating and plumbing business. This partnership existed for about four years, at the end of which time Mr. Frink purchased his partner's interest and for about eighteen months conducted the enterprise independently. In July, 1908, however, he disposed of his business and since that time has not been actively connected with commercial interests. In the previous years of his identification with agricultural and mercantile affairs he had so managed his business as to win a substantial measure of success and with a comfortable competence he retired to private life.

On the 12th of April, 1870, in Kewanee, Illinois, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Frink and Miss Barbara Ellen Minnick. As the years passed ten children were added to the household, of whom seven are yet living, namely: Nettie, the wife of Dr. George O. Cogley, a practicing dentist of Shenandoah; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. W. F. Stotler, of Shenandoah; Bertha, the wife of F. M. Stotler, who is superintendent of the public schools of Lebanon, Oregon; Grace, the wife of W. R. Worden, of Fairbury, Nebraska; O. Harvey, living in Lebanon, Oregon; Irene, a teacher in the district schools of Page county; and Warren M., who is attending school.

The family attends the Baptist church, in which Mr. Frink holds membership. He is now acting as one of the board of trustees of this church and was president of the building committee at the time of the erection of the new house of worship. In community affairs he takes a most active and helpful part, cooperating in all measures for the general good. He is today as true and loyal to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields and he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Burnside Post, No. 56, G. A. R., of Shenandoah. He stands at all times for progress and improvement and while he holds to high ideals of citizenship, utilizes practical methods for their attainment. His substantial qualities being widely recognized by his fellow townsmen, he was urged by many of Shenandoah's leading citizens to become the republican candidate for mayor in March, 1909, and at the ensuing election he was chosen as the chief executive of the city, in which position he is now serving. He has been identified with the republican party almost from its organization, has been an influential factor in its local councils and has done effective work for its advancement. He has served in various township offices in Page county and now as mayor of the city he is giving to Shenandoah a public-spirited and business like administration, manifesting the same quality of energy, per-

severance and determination which characterized the conduct of his private business affairs. His record, taken all in all, is one of signal usefulness and honor and has brought him merited and high regard from his fellow townsmen.

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### JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

Joseph C. Foster, carrying on general farming interests for many years in East River township but now leaving the arduous labor of the farm to others, although he still gives to it his general supervision, was born in Madison county, Ohio, December 23, 1826. He is a son of Joshua and Sarah (Silver) Foster, both of whom were natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. The father was born there May 17, 1794, and when six years of age accompanied his parents to Ross county, Ohio, where he lived until eighteen years of age. A removal was then made to Madison county, Ohio, and with the exception of six years spent in Indiana, he continued in Madison county until 1848. At that time he removed to Knox county, Illinois, where he lived for two years, after which he spent five years in Fulton county, whence he returned to Knox county, where he made his home for twenty-seven years prior to his demise. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising, purchasing stock which he drove over the mountains from the west. He was married when twenty-two years of age to Miss Sarah Silver, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and unto them were born thirteen children, all of whom were living at one time, while eight of the number were living at the time of the father's death. His wife passed away March 9, 1879, and their graves were made side by side in the Uniontown cemetery of Knox county, Illinois. In early life Mr. Foster joined the Methodist Episcopal church and ever afterward lived a consistent Christian life. He always looked on the bright side of every question and when clouds of adversity were darkest was never known to complain. He was devoted to the welfare of his wife and family and was a most estimable citizen. The cause of education found in him a stalwart advocate and he was ever interested in the movements which tend to promoting the interests of civilization.

Joseph C. Foster was the youngest of four sons in his father's family and there were seven daughters younger than he. Born and reared in Madison county, Ohio, he there resided until his marriage, after which he went to Knox county, Illinois, where he made his home until 1873, when he removed to Fulton county, that state. In the spring of 1875 he came to Page county, Iowa, settling first on the Linderman farm west of Clarinda. After spending four years there he removed to East River township, settling on the Hatfield farm, which he made his home for five years. He next purchased his present home of one hundred and thirty-two acres on sections 2 and 11, East River township. This is a well improved property, having upon it good buildings which have been erected by Mr. Foster. Everything

about the place is modern and substantial and he has met with substantial success in carrying on general farming and stock raising. His place is yet devoted to those two pursuits and both branches of the business return to him a substantial income.

It was on the 26th of October, 1848, that Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Maria C. Kingham, who was born in Wallingford, Berkshire county, England, September 16, 1827. When two years of age she lost her mother and with her father came to America in the fall of 1832 on the sailing ship *Cosmo*, which was seven weeks in completing the voyage. The family home was established near Springfield, Ohio, where Mrs. Foster remained until seventeen years of age, when she went to Madison county, Ohio, where she was married. Her parents were William and Elizabeth (Cooper) Kingham and the father died in Madison county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been born nine sons: William, a resident of Missouri; Thomas and John, twins, the former living in Nebraska township, this county, and the latter in South Dakota; Homer, who is a resident of East River township; Smith, residing in Fulton county, Illinois; Bruce, who is living in Shenandoah, Iowa; Scott, who died in Oklahoma; Richard, a resident of Taylor county; and Frederick, at home. All of the sons are farmers and most of them own large tracts of land. They all give their political allegiance to the democracy.

The father is also a stalwart democrat and has filled some township and school offices but has always preferred to leave office holding to others. He has been a Mason since 1861 and now belongs to Clarinda Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., and to the chapter, R. A. M., in Knoxville, Illinois. He has almost reached the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and his has been a creditable record, for he has lived a life of continuous business activity and his carefully directed labors have brought him the success which has enabled him for many years to enjoy not only the necessities but also many of the comforts of life. His estimable wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### THOMAS HENDERSON READ.

With no special training for the conduct of important financial interests Thomas Henderson Read is now acting as president of the First National Bank of Shenandoah and has been since its organization and in the control of its affairs he has given proof of his ability to solve the more difficult financial and economical problems. The subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers, while at the same time he thoroughly understands his opportunities and his obligations. He was born in Huntsville, Schuyler county, Illinois, March 3, 1841, and is a son of Amasa and Jane B. (Henderson) Read, natives of Massachusetts and Ohio respectively. The father

was twice married, his second wife being the mother of our subject. For some years Amasa Read operated a woolen mill in Oldtown, Ohio, and in 1837 removed westward to Schuyler county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming, continuing in agricultural life there until 1843, when he was called to his final rest.

Thomas H. Read was but two years old at the time of his father's death. He remained at home until his twenty-ninth year, but in 1870 sold his interests in Illinois and with a team started west on a tour of inspection. Arriving in Page county he was so pleased with the country and its prospects that he determined to locate here and during the succeeding two years was engaged in the cattle business. In the fall of 1872 he opened a bank in Clarinda, which was conducted under the firm name of Read & Farnum. For three years the firm conducted that institution, at the end of which time Mr. Read purchased the bank of Moore & Webster in Shenandoah, then the only bank in this city. He arrived in Shenandoah on the 12th of June, 1875, the night before the grasshoppers came—a plague memorable in the history of this part of the country, the insects descending in swarms upon the entire countryside and within a few hours destroying every vestige of vegetation. Mr. Read entered upon his banking interest in this city under the firm style of Read, Farnum & Company. Soon afterward a second bank was organized under the name of Cole, Swain & Company. The competition was then so strong that an effort was made to consolidate the two banks with a third party in Clarinda but Mr. Read found that he was to be frozen out when the papers for consolidation were all signed. Coming to an understanding of the situation, he started out to organize the First National Bank of Shenandoah and in one night had forty-four thousand dollars subscribed out of the fifty thousand dollars necessary. He and Mr. Farnum bought out the remaining member of the old firm and completed the organization of the First National Bank. This bank today does the largest banking business in the county and since its organization has paid twenty per cent on its capital. It was organized on a safe, conservative yet progressive basis and the business methods pursued have ever been such as to awaken unqualified confidence and gain a liberal patronage. In all of his business affairs Mr. Read has been thoroughly reliable and straightforward, seeking success along the legitimate lines of business and his path has never been strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. He has made steady progress by reason of his persistency of purpose, keen discrimination and sound judgment, and although he had no training for the work when he entered banking circles he has become recognized as one of the strong and prominent representatives of banking interests in southwestern Iowa. He has organized other banks, including the First National Bank of Farragut, of which he is president; the First National Bank at Coin; and the First National Bank at Imogene, all of which are highly prosperous. For many years he has been the oldest banker in active service in Page and Fremont counties.

Mr. Read was married in 1873 to Miss Ermina J. Allphin, of Huntsville, Illinois, and unto them have been born four children: Elbert, who is

cashier of the bank; Thomas H., who is a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan and is now acting as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Shenandoah; Della, the wife of Edson R. Sunderland, a professor of the law department of the Michigan University; and Luella J., who has won a degree at Tabor College in Iowa and Michigan University and has now passed her examination for a Doctor's degree.

Mr. Read and his family attend the Congregational church in which he holds membership. He is serving as treasurer of the church, contributes generously to its support and does all in his power to promote its interests. He was a leading factor in the erection of the library building in 1904, conducting the correspondence whereby a donation from Andrew Carnegie was secured. He was also president of its first board of directors and was chairman of the building committee. He has never let personal interests or ambition dwarf his public spirit or public activities and his feelings and views concerning public questions have ever found expression in prompt action. Without any special advantages at the outset of his career he has developed powers of mind and habit which have established him as one of the valued and representative citizens of this part of the state and his success is the merited reward of persistent, earnest and honorable labor.

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#### MISS JESSIE FIELD.

The educational interests of Page county are capably directed under the supervision of Miss Jessie Field, who is serving for the second term as superintendent of schools. She makes her home in Clarinda and is well known throughout the southwestern portion of the state. Her birth occurred in Page county, June 26, 1881, her parents being Solomon E. and Lettie (Eastman) Field, who came to Iowa from Toulon, Illinois. Both her father and mother were teachers and actively interested in educational work, while four of her sisters and one brother have also been teachers of Page county. The family is one of strong intellectuality and their work has been of tangible benefit in promoting the public school interests of this part of the state.

At the usual age Miss Jessie Field entered school and passed through consecutive grades until she had completed the high school course. Subsequently she attended the Western Normal College at Shenandoah and was there graduated with the class of 1898. Desirous of making still further progress in intellectual lines, she next attended Tabor College at Tabor, Iowa, where she completed the classical course in 1903. Thus well qualified for the profession of teaching, she went to Antigo, Wisconsin, where she was principal of the Ward school for one year. She then became teacher of science in the Shenandoah high school, where she continued for a year, after which she went to Helena, Montana, and was principal of the Jefferson school of that city for a year. In 1906 she returned to Page county, having been chosen



for the office of county superintendent of schools. She had been nominated at the primary for this position while she was still in Montana and was elected in that year without opposition and again in 1908, so that she is now serving for the second term. She is superintendent of one hundred and thirty country schools and thirteen town and village schools, with a total enrollment of five thousand pupils.

Miss Field is thoroughly interested in her work, zealous and active in behalf of the cause of public instruction and puts forth every effort in her power to further qualify herself for the responsibilities of her chosen calling. She keeps in touch with the foremost educators of the day through her membership in the National Educational Association, has been vice president of the Iowa State Teachers' Association and belongs to the Southwestern Iowa Teachers' Association, of which she was formerly president. She is likewise a member of the Iowa Educational Council and is a member of the Congregational church and is interested in all those things which work for permanency and improvement and are factors in the world's progress and civilization. Her work in connection with the schools of Page county is of a most practical character, attended with direct and tangible results and that it has received the endorsement of the general public was indicated in the fact of her reelection.

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#### THOMAS EDWIN POWERS, M. D.

Thoroughly equipped by collegiate training and private research and investigation for the onerous and responsible duties of his profession, Dr. Powers has made continuous progress since entering upon his chosen life work as a physician and surgeon. Broad reading and study keep him in touch with the advanced ideas of the day and from experience he also learns many valuable lessons, while through the faithful performance of each day's duties he finds inspiration and encouragement for the labors of the succeeding day.

His parents, Jacob H. and Eliza B. (Silver) Powers, arrived in Clarinda in 1854, coming from Muncie, Indiana. The father had visited the state in the previous year and then returned to Indiana, after which he brought his family to Iowa, driving the entire distance across the country. He was a native of Virginia, while the grandfather of Dr. Powers was also a Virginian, removing from the Old Dominion to Indiana when his son, Jacob H., was a lad of twelve years. The latter was there reared as a farm boy, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he converts wild land into productive fields and annually brings forth rich crops. Not desiring to give his entire attention, however, to the tilling of the soil, he entered mercantile circles and for some time conducted a tannery. In 1853 he sold out and made the aforementioned visit to Clarinda, where he established a general mercantile store upon his return to this county with his family. He also purchased considerable property, including both city real-estate and farm lands and became an active

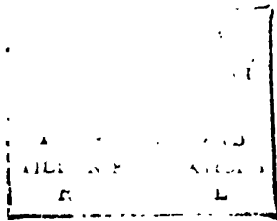


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factor in the development, upbuilding and improvement of this part of Iowa. He was one of the pioneer merchants of the town and conducted stores on both the west and north sides of the square. In his mercantile ventures he was successful, carrying such lines of goods as the public demanded, while his reasonable prices and honorable dealing won him a continually increasing trade. His lands were adjacent to the city and with the growth and development of the county increased rapidly in value. Later he made investment in lands in Missouri, Texas, Florida and Kansas. As the years passed by, he conducted important business negotiations, prospering in his undertakings. During his later years he spent half of his time in Florida and the remainder in Clarinda. He was regarded as one of the city's best and foremost residents, staunchly supporting every cause for the public good and giving liberally where aid was needed. While he conducted important and extensive business affairs, he was ever reliable in his transactions, his negotiations being in harmony with the strictest business ethics. He is survived by four children: Amanda T., now the wife of Harvey White, of Chino, California; Sarah E., who is the widow of Charles Lindeman and resides in Clarinda; N. Olive, a resident of this city; and Thomas E.

Dr. Powers pursued his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Clarinda and his more specific literary course in the Iowa State University. He also attended the medical college there and finished his course in the Missouri Medical College, now the medical department of Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri, being graduated therefrom on the 4th of March, 1881. He at once located for practice in St. Louis but on account of the illness of his father returned home and entered upon active practice at Clarinda and with the exception of two years he has been constantly in active practice here. For two years he was assistant superintendent of the Clarinda State Hospital for the Insane, acting in that capacity from 1891 until 1893. He was also health officer of the city for one term and for the past fourteen years has been one of the commissioners on the board of insanity. He was also pension examiner for the county from 1898 until 1906, when he resigned. His private practice is extensive and of an important character, for he long since demonstrated his ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems that continually confront the physician in his efforts to check the ravages of disease and restore health. He has for the past ten years been local surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and also for the Keokuk & Western Railroad Company. In 1904 he spent six months in Berlin, Germany, in the study of surgery, receiving the benefit of instruction from some of the most eminent surgeons of the old world. He also attended their clinics and in this way added much to his knowledge concerning the methods of practice followed in Germany. He belongs to the Page County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, the Southwestern Iowa Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Anglo-American Medical Association at Berlin. Dr. Powers' clientele became so large and the demands upon his time so constant that in 1890 it practically became imperative for him to establish a hospital. Consequently, in that year the

Powers' Private Hospital came into existence and since that time has been devoted to surgical and gynecological cases. From the first instance the hospital has been a success and has met the anticipations of its friends and many patrons.

On the 25th of May, 1882, occurred the marriage of Dr. Powers and Miss Anna Peterson, of Clarinda, daughter of Andrew Peterson. She was a teacher in the schools of this city for a number of years before her marriage. The Doctor and his wife attend the Presbyterian church, although they do not hold membership therein. He is a Royal Arch Mason and was master of Clarinda Lodge from 1900 until 1905 and is one of the district lecturers in connection with the work of the grand lodge. He is an exemplary representative of the craft and frequently embodies its teachings in his practice, rendering brotherly aid to those in need when he has no hope of pecuniary recompense. In all of his professional service he is actuated by high ideals and his study and reading, combined with his ready adaptability, have placed him prominently before the public as one of the leading representatives of the profession in this county.

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#### THOMAS WOODMANSEE.

Thomas Woodmansee, one of Page county's highly respected citizens, who passed away August 20, 1906, was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, September 22, 1830, a son of Joseph Woodmansee, who was of French origin. When eighteen years of age, Thomas Woodmansee came to Iowa, locating near Fort Madison in Lee county, where he rented and operated a farm for about ten years. In 1857 he came to Page county, Iowa, and entered an eighty-acre tract of land located in Amity township. Being industrious and ambitious to follow agricultural pursuits on a larger scale, he worked untiringly and persistently until he was enabled to trade his small farm for one of twice its size, located in the same township. At length he sold this property and bought eighty acres just south of Amity, now College Springs, and in 1865, by additional purchase, he added eighty more acres to that farm. Not being strong physically, at times he was compelled to rent part of the farm out on shares and often hire most of the work done. However, in this way he followed general farming and devoted some attention also to stock raising until 1876, when he retired to College Springs, Amity township, where he lived until his death.

In the fall of 1861 was celebrated the marriage of Thomas Woodmansee and Miss Margaret Scroggan, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Featheringill) Scroggan, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish descent and were living at that time in Clay county, Missouri. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodmansee; Mary Alice, who died when she was nine years old; and Charles Herbert, who lived to the age of thirty-two years. They also adopted and reared Burdette Gurnsey, whom they took from a Milwaukee foundling institution when he was eight years old.

The boy has now grown to manhood and greatly assists Mrs. Woodmansee. They also reared another boy, who is now married and lives in Oklahoma, and two girls, both married at the present time, one living in California and the other in Iowa. All were orphans when they came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee. Mrs. Woodmansee now has the entire management of the farm property, which consists of twenty-nine acres of land in the home place, part of which is within the corporate limits of College Springs on section 17 and eighty acres of land two miles south of College Springs on section 29, Amity township.

Mr. Woodmansee was a strong prohibitionist in politics, taking a decided stand against the liquor traffic, while in religious faith he was a Baptist, holding membership in a church of that denomination in Amity township until the time of the founding of the Free Methodist church of College Springs, at which time he joined that organization and continued in that faith until he died. During his life he was an earnest Christian man, trying to follow in the footsteps of Him in whom he believed, and he passed away as he had lived, strong and happy in the Christian faith. He was a member of the official board and trustees of the church for many years and many times served as a delegate to the annual conference. He also served as school director, the cause of education finding in him an earnest champion. Since her husband's death Mrs. Woodmansee, with the assistance of her adopted son, has successfully managed the home place and also pays more attention to stock raising interests than previously. She is an earnest Christian woman and a prominent worker in the Free Methodist church of College Springs.

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#### G. F. MITCHELL.

Since the spring of 1905 G. F. Mitchell has been connected with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Coin, in which he is now filling the position of cashier. He is a young man but his enterprise and energy have brought him into important business relations and his close application and the provident care which he displays make him an important factor in the control of this institution. He is a native son of Iowa and possesses that spirit of determination which has been an important factor in the upbuilding and development of the middle west.

His birth occurred at Weldon, Clarke county, Iowa, July 13, 1883, his parents being Charles W. and Lucinda (Westfall) Mitchell, who were early settlers of that county. The father was born in Meigs county, Ohio, March 28, 1845, and was a son of Enos Mitchell, one of the early residents of the Buckeye state, where he followed the blacksmith's trade. Charles W. Mitchell attended school in his native county and when a young man went to Knox county, Illinois, where he followed farming and was married. He was still a resident of that state when in 1862 he responded to the country's call for aid and joined Company G of the Eighty-ninth Illinois Volunteer



Infantry. Subsequently he enlisted in the Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and remained in the service for three years. He was never injured except slightly, although he was frequently in the thickest of the fight, having participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain and others of lesser importance. At the close of the war he was mustered out and returned home with a creditable military record. He continued to reside in Illinois until about 1874, when with his wife and one son he removed to Clarke county, Iowa, where he purchased forty acres of land. There they lived for about ten years when, selling that property, they came to Page county, Mr. Mitchell purchasing land in Colfax township about three miles east of Coin. There they resided for some time and at various places since. At present Mr. Mitchell is postmaster at Yorktown, Iowa, which position he has filled since 1896. His wife, who is also a native of Meigs county, Ohio, is now sixty-two years of age. They were the parents of eight children: Walter, who is engaged in farming near Clarinda, Iowa; Effie, who is the widow of Carroll Loy and resides at Yorktown; Bert, a resident farmer of this county; Jennie, the wife of Hermann Hardorf, also a farmer of this county; Mabel, the deceased wife of Luther Morley; Maggie, the wife of Martin McNutt, of Newmarket; one who died in infancy; and G. F., of this review.

When only a year old G. F. Mitchell was brought by his parents from Weldon to this county and his early education was acquired in the district schools, while later he attended Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, pursuing a commercial course there. Subsequently he became a pupil in Amity College at College Springs, Iowa, and before his graduation he was offered the position of bookkeeper in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. He accepted this and since the spring of 1905 has been continuously connected with the institution. His capability and reliability led to his promotion in 1908 to the position of cashier, in which he is now serving. He is also one of the stockholders in the bank, which was organized July 16, 1904, and is conducting a general banking business under the state laws of Iowa. The original officers were William Wilson, president; J. F. Whitmore, vice president; T. E. Fordice, cashier; and R. O. Gamble, assistant cashier. In addition to the above named Samuel Hill, Charles Hart, Samuel Farquher, F. M. Manifold, Hermann Sieferting, and W. A. Guthrie were directors. There were about twenty-four stockholders and the bank was incorporated for twenty-five thousand dollars. The present officials are: Charles Hart, president; J. F. Whitmore, vice president; G. F. Mitchell, cashier; and R. O. Gamble, assistant cashier; and in addition to the officers there are on the board of directors: Ed. Irvin, F. M. Manifold, W. A. Guthrie, Hermann Sieferting, H. H. Eggers, C. H. Henderson, W. L. Annan, Charles Hart and J. F. Whitmore. There are now forty-five stockholders.

On the 1st of May, 1907, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Shaw, a daughter of T. R. Shaw, postmaster of Coin, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They are prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them. Mr. Mitchell belongs to the Woodman Camp, No. 2410, of which he is clerk and also holds

membership with lodge No. 455, I. O. O. F. He is active in community affairs and his fellow-townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, elected him treasurer of Coin in March, 1908, so that he is filling the position at the present writing. He is recognized as a young man of ability and forceful individuality and is making steady progress in business lines, while his activity in public affairs makes him a valued factor in the citizenship of Coin.

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### ELMER GRANT DAY.

Many business interests have felt the stimulus of the aid, cooperation and wise counsel of Elmer Grant Day, whose resolute spirit prompts him to accomplish what he undertakes and to fully qualify himself for the work at hand. As cashier of the Clarinda National Bank, his position in financial circles is an enviable one, while his investments in farm property also place him prominently in agricultural ranks.

Mr. Day was born in Monroe county, Ohio, March 10, 1864, and is a son of Edward and Martha J. (Dunn) Day, both of whom were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was both farmer and school teacher and lived in Ohio until 1874, when he came to Page county, Iowa, where he purchased a tract of land upon which he made his home until called to his final rest, his time and energies being devoted to the cultivation of the fields. He died in 1876 and the community mourned the loss of a respected and valued citizen.

Elmer Grant Day was ten years of age when he came to Iowa with his parents. He was but twelve years old when his father died and, assuming the management of the farm, he conducted it until nineteen years of age. He then again took up educational work. He had previously pursued his studies in the public and high schools of Clarinda and later took a course in a business college at Shenandoah. In 1883 he left Page county and located at Villisca, Montgomery county, Iowa, where he became a clerk in a hardware and implement store, while afterward he secured a situation in a shoe store, his entire service as salesman in both places covering a period of nine years. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he then opened a furniture store and undertaking establishment, which he carried on for five years under the firm name of E. G. Day & Company. On the expiration of that period he was elected county recorder and took up his residence at Red Oak, Iowa, where he remained for four years, for in the meantime he had been reelected recorder. His service in that position was highly satisfactory to the general public and the record which he made was one which reflected credit upon himself and his constituents. In 1901, being tired of county office, he came to Clarinda, where he established a real-estate and insurance business, which he conducted under the firm style of Day & Day, having admitted his brother, A. Emmett Day, to a partnership. They were very successful in this undertaking and continued the business until 1905, when they disposed of it, Elmer G. Day turning his attention to

the banking business at Essex, Iowa. Later he became connected with the Clarinda National Bank as cashier and has filled the same position to the present time. He is now thoroughly conversant with the banking business in principle and detail, closely studies the financial situation and the uniform courtesy which he displays to the patrons of the bank, his obliging spirit and above all his loyalty to the best interests of the depositors and stockholders, have been features in his popularity and his success as a bank official. He also takes great interest in farming and stock-raising and has a farm near his boyhood's home, which he is now improving in accordance with all of the modern and progressive methods of farming. He plans to make this a model property and already its equipments are much superior to those found upon the average farm.

Mr. Day was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Copeland, of Page county, a daughter of William and Susannah (Baker) Copeland. Her father came to this county from Illinois in 1853 and, turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits, he became closely identified with the development of Southwestern Iowa along that line. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Day has been born a daughter, Lucile Lenore, who is now a student in the Clarinda high school. Mr. Day is a man of domestic tastes, finding his greatest happiness at his own fireside and counting no personal effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it will promote the welfare and happiness of his wife and daughter. He finds his chief recreation in country life, being much interested in stock raising and in the improvements which he places upon his property. Moreover, he is a lover of good literature and his reading has covered a wide range.

In all matters of citizenship Mr. Day is progressive, withholding his support from no movement which he deems of value to the community. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is now serving as chairman of its good roads committee. At one time he studied law and was admitted to the bar but has never practiced. His knowledge of law, however, enables him to more capably control his business affairs. He is a fluent speaker, apt and tactful, and these qualities make him a favorite as a speaker on the occasion of many social functions. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and a Modern Woodman, while his religious views are indicated in his active membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he is deeply interested, serving for many years in an official capacity. He has never been neglectful of the higher, holier duties of life, but gives first things the first place in his thoughts and is actuated in every relation by the most honorable principles and purposes.

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#### ALLISON F. GALLOWAY.

Allison F. Galloway has been a resident of Page county since 1891, coming to southwestern Iowa from Burlington. The years which have known him have found in him a representative, progressive and valued citizen. He was born June 22, 1859, in Wabasha, Minnesota, his parents being Elias and

Irene (Drake) Galloway. The father was a farmer in early life but at the age of twenty-five years turned his attention to other pursuits and became well known as a lumberman. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and a representative of an old Virginia family. The grandfather removed from the south to Pike county, Missouri, and Elias Galloway spent his boyhood in the latter state and in Texas. At the age of twenty-one years he went to northern Wisconsin, where he entered the lumber business and in connection with others he organized and conducted the first sawmill at Chippewa Falls. During the Civil war he was aroused by an intensely patriotic spirit and became a member of Company K of the Thirty-sixth Wisconsin Infantry, which he represented as first lieutenant but three months later he was killed at the siege of Petersburg, being then forty years of age. His widow still survives and is now living at Lake Helen, Florida.

Allison F. Galloway is indebted to the Wisconsin and Iowa system of public instruction for the educational privileges he enjoyed in his youthful days. When about twenty-five years of age he entered a railway office in a clerical capacity, being thus employed for five years at Eau Clair, Wisconsin. He then entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as clerk in the superintendent's office, where he continued for four years. On the expiration of that period he came to Clarinda as freight and station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and in 1900 he went to Gentry, Missouri, there realizing the hope that had hitherto actuated him of one day engaging in business on his own account. It was there that he organized the Bank of Gentry,—a state bank—becoming its cashier. He also engaged in farming and stock raising and is still interested therein. Later he returned to Clarinda, becoming one of the organizers of the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank, of which he was elected cashier, continuing in this position to the present time. The bank was capitalized for seventy-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of five thousand dollars. It is recognized as one of the strong and reliable moneyed institutions of the county and its business interests are capably conducted along the lines of modern business methods. Mr. Galloway likewise figures in business circles as the treasurer of the A. A. Berry Seed Company; is a director of the Lee Electric Light Company; and a director of the Farmers Savings Bank of Hepburn, Iowa. In addition to his other business interests he has built a large and modern garage, forty by one hundred and forty feet. It is a two-story brick structure with basement.

Mr. Galloway was married to Miss Hattie Hewett, of Lime Springs, Iowa, a daughter of Clark C. Hewett, who went to Howard county in 1855. There he preempted land and later figured extensively in the business circles of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway have two sons: William Clifford, nineteen years of age, who is now attending the Denver University at Denver, Colorado; and Clark Hewett, a lad of ten years, now attending the public schools. They also lost three children: Frederick Allison, who died at the age of five years; Frank Hewett, who died when one year old; and Howard Park, who passed away in Clarinda when three years of age. Mr. Galloway is interested in public affairs and is now a member of the Methodist





CATHERINE MAXWELL,

WILLIAM MAXWELL,

Episcopal church and secretary of its official board. In any question which involves the welfare and interest of the town or county he is always found on the side of progress and improvement and Clarinda owes not a little of her financial upbuilding to his efforts. In all of his undertakings he has been eminently practical and, moreover, sustains an unassailable reputation as one whose probity is ever above question.

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#### WILLIAM MAXWELL.

Upon the memory of William Maxwell are impressed many pictures of early days in Page county when deer roamed over the prairie and when wolves howled around the cabin at night. He arrived here as a frontier settler, his cash capital at the time being but a single dollar. He possessed, however, a stout heart and willing hands and in the struggle to attain success he has come off as victor, being now a prominent representative of live stock and financial interests in this part of the state. Moreover, his wealth has been acquired by honorable means in the field of legitimate business and his achievements may well serve as an inspiration to others. His home is on section 23, Tarkio township. His birth occurred in County Donegal, Ireland, July 12, 1843, his parents being George and Martha (Shaw) Maxwell, both of whom spent their entire lives in the green isle of Erin.

In his boyhood days William Maxwell was familiar with that land which has figured so much in song and story, and he received careful home training from his parents, whose lessons concerning industry, integrity and perseverance have never been forgotten. His education was acquired in the common schools and he continued under the parental roof until his twenty-fourth year. Early in the spring of 1867 he sailed for the United States, landing in New York city on the 1st of May, but the metropolis had little attraction for him as he sought the opportunities of the great middle west, making his way direct to Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, where for six weeks he worked for his board. After ten weeks spent in Newton he continued his journey to Page county, arriving here about the 20th of July. He remained through the summer and following winter and with the opening of spring in the year 1868 he went to the Rocky mountains in Wyoming, securing employment on the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. His time was thus fully occupied for a year, one half of the day being given to construction work, while the remainder of the time was devoted to herding the cattle and horses belonging to the camp at night. When a year had elapsed he returned to Page county in the spring of 1869 with seven hundred dollars which he had saved from his earnings, for in that period he had lived very economically, never incurring an expense that was not an absolute necessity.

With the capital he had thus won Mr. Maxwell purchased forty acres of his present farm constituting the tract on which his dwelling now stands. He also bought some young stock and thus started upon a business career





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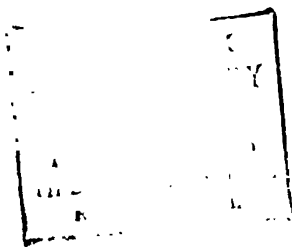
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which has proven eminently successful. Through his industry and good business management he has developed his interests until he has become one of the extensive landowners of Page county, his possessions aggregating something over one thousand acres of soil which is arable and rich. The land responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it, yielding large crops in reward for cultivation. Moreover, Mr. Maxwell has met generous success in cattle raising, in which he has largely engaged. From the days when he was a boy in pinafores he had always been more or less connected with the cattle business and since establishing his home in Page county has made a specialty of stock raising, owning the best shorthorn bulls for breeding purposes. He has also been a heavy feeder of live stock and his judgment is seldom if ever at fault concerning the value of cattle, so that he has been able to make judicious investments and profitable sales.

On the 15th of November, 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Maxwell and Miss Catherine Canterbury, a native of Ireland. Unto them have been born three children: William George and Mary, both at home; and Samuel J., who died in infancy. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and contribute generously to its support.

Mr. Maxwell is a republican in politics but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. Business to him is a more exciting and interesting pastime than the manipulation of political interests and his record indicates the possibilities for accomplishment to the young man who has determination, physical strength and the intelligence to wisely direct his labors. Although he arrived in Page county practically penniless, during the recent financial flurry of 1907 it was said that he could borrow more money than any man in the county. With all of his extensive possessions there is no financial obligation against any of his property and, moreover, he has a splendid reserve on deposit in various banks. The years that have come and gone have chronicled his increasing success, his own powers seeming to have developed with the growth and progress of the county and in the honorable utilization of his opportunities he has become one of southwestern Iowa's leading stock raisers and feeders.

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#### P. D. SULLIVAN.

P. D. Sullivan, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 32, Valley township, is a native of Page county, his entire life having been spent within its borders. He was born on the 4th of March, 1877, on the farm which is now his home, in a log house which is still standing on the place. He is a son of J. D. and Sarah (Orphan) Sullivan, both natives of Ireland, who came to this country in 1854, settling first in Massachusetts. There the father was employed for three years, at the expiration of which time he came west to Illinois and later to Page county, making the entire journey with an oxteam. He purchased the farm

which is now the property of his son and continued to reside thereupon until his demise.

P. D. Sullivan is one of thirteen children born unto Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sullivan, and his entire life has been spent upon the old homestead farm. The period of his boyhood and youth was spent in the manner common to the country lad, his time being divided between the acquirement of a common-school education and the work which was assigned to him by parental authority. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields until twenty-four years of age, when he rented the home farm and continued to operate it as a renter until 1907, in which year he purchased it and has since directed his time and energies to its further development and improvement. He is a progressive farmer, practices rotation of crops and has made a close study concerning the best methods of raising the various cereals adapted to soil and climate, so that his fields annually yield rich harvests that prove a source of most gratifying income.

Mr. Sullivan was married in 1901 to Miss Pearl Elrick, a native of Page county and a daughter of S. M. and Margaret Elrick, mention of whom is made is on another page of this volume. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan has been blessed with three children, the eldest of whom passed away in infancy. The two surviving daughters are Nellie M. and Hazel I.

The parents are members of the United Brethren church and are people of genuine personal worth, enjoying the respect and good will of those with whom they have come in contact. Having passed his entire life in this locality, Mr. Sullivan has won for himself an extensive circle of friends, and that he is most liked where best known is indicative of the fact that his salient characteristics are such as to gain him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### PLEASANT DAVISON.

Pleasant Davison was known as an honorable and reliable business man of Page county, closely associated for many years with the agricultural and live stock interests of this part of the state. He was born in Andrew county, Missouri, October 16, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Wilson) Davison, natives of Virginia and Tennessee respectively. They lived for some time in Kentucky, where Samuel Davison followed the occupation of farming. On coming westward to Missouri he took up his abode in Andrew county, where he again engaged in general agricultural pursuits and later he bought a farm in Page county, Iowa, near the Missouri line. He then carried on the work of tilling the soil, farming there for several years on two hundred acres of land. He was diligent, energetic and persistent in his business affairs and he continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death in 1865. He was twice married and by his first union had ten children: Wayne, Polly, Pike, Ned, Ann, John, Dan, and three whose names are not remembered. For his second

wife he chose Mary Wilson and they, too, had a family of ten children: Sallie, Maria, Matilda, Elizabeth, Armina, Margaret, Lemm, Henry, Pleasant and Gould. All are now deceased with the exception of Margaret and Elizabeth. The former is the widow of Jim Crow and resides in Kansas, while the latter is the wife of David Farnes and lives near Decatur, Nebraska. The mother survived her husband for about thirty years and died in 1895, after passing the eightieth milestone on life's journey.

Pleasant Davison was a young lad when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Missouri to Page county and here he attended the district schools, devoting the winter months to the acquirement of an education. In the summer months he assisted his father in the fields and continued to work on the farm until two years after his marriage, which important event in his life occurred April 17, 1867. He then purchased eighty acres of land in East River township, Page county, and made his home thereon for two years, after which he traded that farm for eighty acres in Taylor county, to which he afterward added forty acres. He remained upon that place for about three years and then traded his farm for another six hundred acres in East River township. Of that property his widow still owns about four hundred and fifty acres. Mr. Davison died upon that farm on the 12th of September, 1880. He had placed it under a high state of cultivation and made many substantial improvements thereon and in addition to tilling the soil he became well known as a buyer, feeder and shipper of cattle and horses. He raised many fine race horses and his stock was well known.

As stated, Mr. Davison was married April 17, 1867, the lady of his choice being Miss Margaret Jane Ferguson, of Missouri, a daughter of William Henry and Nancy (Dyche) Ferguson, natives of Virginia and of Tennessee respectively. Her parents were married, however, in Andrew county, Missouri, where her father engaged in farming for several years and then removed to Taylor county, Iowa, where he also tilled the soil. About the time of the Civil war he went across the plains with oxtteams to Oregon, remaining for a year, after which he sold his oxtteams, bought ponies and returned to Taylor county, where he invested in a farm. At length, however, he sold his land in Taylor county and bought a farm in Missouri, where he lived for three years, after which he removed to East River township in Page county, where he bought forty acres. Later he sold that property and invested in eighty acres in Gentry county, Missouri. He had been on that land but three weeks when in 1878 his death occurred. His widow subsequently lived with her children and died near Clearmont, Missouri, in 1884. They were both consistent members of the Church of God and Mr. Ferguson was a democrat in his political faith and served as the first county attorney of Taylor county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davison were born nine children: Charles, now living in Buchanan township, married Miss Clara Brooks, and they have three living sons, Merrill, Wilbur and Roy, while two children, Bulah Fay and Verner Pleasant are deceased. Of these Merrill wedded Golda Hamm and is living in Buchanan township. Wilbur married Dora Baker and resides in

Harlan township. Edward Davison, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Davison, now lives in Nodaway township near Clarinda. He married Emma C. Nicholson and they have one daughter, Jennie, now the wife of George Mathis, of East River township. Allen, a resident of Clarinda, married Minie Rose Brooks and they have one daughter, Essie Pearl, who is a student in Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Clark, who follows farming in East River township, married Vadia Roush and they have three living children: Delbert, who is attending school at College Springs, Iowa; Darrell; and Nina Ellen. They also lost one child in infancy. Henry, the fifth member of the Davison family, is deceased. Lawrence, who lives in East River township, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, married Elizabeth Reiners, who died leaving a daughter, Letha Lorene, while a son of that marriage, Lowell Raymond, is deceased. After the death of his first wife Lawrence Davison married Estella White and they have one son, Donald. Another child, Lane, born of that marriage, is deceased. Clara, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Davison, is now the wife of L. E. Nelson, who served in the Phillipines with Company M of the Fifty-first Iowa Militia, doing active duty for nineteen months, after which he was discharged in San Francisco, November 6, 1899. He is engaged in the butchering business. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born two children: Charles Elmer and Edward Walker, who are with their parents in Clarinda. Jennie, the next member of the family, is the wife of Benjamin Dow, of East River township, and they have four children: Berla, Clyde, Farrel and Bulah Margaret. Harry, living in Clarinda, completes the family.

In his political views Mr. Davison was a stalwart republican and served on the village board. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity and was a highly respected citizen. In all his business relations he was found to be thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising and progressive and his success is attributed as much to his probity as to his careful management. After her husband's demise Mrs. Davison continued to reside on the East River township farm for ten years and thence came to Clarinda, where she bought a fine residence. She also owns other town property, her husband having left her in very comfortable financial circumstances. She is a member of the Rebekah lodge and is a lady of social nature, and her many good qualities have given her a firm hold on the affections of those who know her.

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#### BENJAMIN L. WELCH.

Benjamin L. Welch, who is engaged in general farming in Nebraska and Nodaway townships, where he owns and cultivates two hundred acres of land, of which one hundred and forty acres lie on section 35 in the home farm, is numbered among the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred August 22, 1874, in the township where he yet makes his home. He

is the son of Benjamin B. and Elizabeth (Lampton) Welch, who are residing as neighbors to their son Benjamin. Their family numbered five children: Julia, who is the wife of Philip Weaver, a resident farmer of Nebraska township; Mary, at home; Benjamin L.; Nora, the wife of James Martindale, a resident of Clarinda; and Ermina, the wife of Ralph Hafer of Idaho.

Under the parental roof Benjamin L. Welch spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He acquired his education in the public schools and in the summer seasons aided more and more largely in the work of the fields as his age and strength increased. His thorough and practical home training well qualified him to begin farming on his own account after he had attained his majority, and he is now busily and successfully engaged in the cultivation and improvement of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land in Nebraska and Nodaway townships. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising and the carefully tilled fields return golden harvests. He handles considerable live stock each year and finds it a source of profitable income. He has good buildings upon the place and that he is a most progressive and active young farmer is indicated by the fact that in 1908 he raised nine thousand bushels of corn.

On the 21st of January, 1902, Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Miss Mary Meads, who was born in southern Missouri, March 9, 1880, and is a daughter of Elias and Lucinda (Duncan) Meads. The father still resides in this county, but the mother has passed away. Four children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Welch: Elizabeth, Lucile, Louis and Minnie. The parents are well known in their part of the county where they have many friends and where the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. Mr. Welch rates with the progressive young farmers of the community and is making steady advancement in the business world.

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#### FRANK BROKAW.

Frank Brokaw, who has devoted his entire life to farming and for nine years has resided on section 23, Nodaway township, Page county, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, October 13, 1864. His parents were George and Mary Ann (Burwell) Brokaw, both natives of Ohio, born in Harrison and Crawford counties respectively. Mrs. Brokaw died in Nodaway township, April 17, 1909, at the advanced age of seventy-six years, seven months and twenty days, while Mr. Brokaw is now living with his son Frank, who was the only child of his parent's marriage.

In the spring of 1865 the parents left Ohio and settled in Cedar county, Iowa, where they remained for one year, afterward spending a year in Linn county. In the spring of 1867 they arrived in Page county, where they remained for five years, and then returned to Harrison county, Ohio. Frank Brokaw accompanied his parents on these various removals and in the schools of Ohio pursued his education. Nine years ago he returned to



Page county where he has since made his home. His entire life has been devoted to general farming and he now owns and cultivates one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 25 and 26, Nodaway township, constituting a well improved farm, equipped with good buildings and all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. The excellent appearance of the place is due entirely to the present owner, whose energy and ability are manifest in the highly cultivated fields and well kept buildings. In addition to raising various cereals he also gives some attention to stock raising and both branches of his business are proving profitable.

On the 1st of January, 1888, Mr. Brokaw was married to Miss Carrie E. Burwell, who was born in Linn county, Iowa, February 11, 1867, and is a daughter of Joseph Burwell. They now have one son, Clarence V., who was born in Nodaway township, January 27, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw have many friends in the locality for their good traits, which are many, have gained them the warm regard and good will of those with whom they have been brought in contact. Mr. Brokaw has led a quiet life in the pursuit of farming but his many substantial qualities are manifest in the esteem which is uniformly accorded him.

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#### VALENTINE GRAFF.

Valentine Graff, who for forty years has been identified with the business interests of Clarinda, becoming a factor in 1869 in those enterprises which have constituted forces in the city's substantial development and upbuilding, was born in Germany on the 4th of October, 1843. He spent the first nine years of his life in that country and then accompanied his parents when they left the fatherland and sailed for the new world, the family first locating in Andrews county, Missouri, where Valentine Graff was reared to manhood. He was twenty-six years of age when he came to Clarinda and in the four decades which have since elapsed he has made steady progress, being numbered for many years among the most prominent representatives of mercantile interests in the city. He is now proprietor of a large and well equipped drug store and also owner of a dry goods store. In both departments of his business he is meeting with substantial success, his interests being conducted along the legitimate lines of trade and in accordance with modern mercantile methods.

It was on the 25th of October, 1870, that Mr. Graff was married to Miss Nancy E. Fairley, of Hillsboro, Ohio, and unto them have been born six children, of whom five are still living namely: Walter, Gerald, Everett, Myra, and Mary. Rosa, the first born, died when eleven months old.

Politically Mr. Graff gives his support to the republican party and has sought its success along legitimate lines because of his firm belief in its principles and his advocacy of its policy. He was acting as a member of the city council when through the instrumentality of that body the water works

of the city were installed. He represented the Clarinda district in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies, and made an able and efficient member. He was tendered a third nomination but refused. In many substantial ways he has given tangible evidence of his loyalty to the country but none more so than when he enlisted as a volunteer for service in the Civil war on the 5th of September, 1861. He continued at the front for a year and a half and then on the 20th of October, 1863, re-enlisted, becoming a member of the United States army, with which he served until July 1, 1865. His valor and loyalty at the front won him promotion to the rank of first sergeant of Company G, Twelfth Missouri Cavalry.

Mr. Graff is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as elder and in the work of which he has taken active and helpful interest. He is also an advocate of educational progress and has manifested active concern in all matters pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of Clarinda and the communities in which he has lived. The greater part of his manhood days, however, have been passed in this city and the substantial qualities he has displayed in every relation and the honorable and upright principles which have permeated his life have gained him the unqualified regard and esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### JOHN P. PETERMAN.

John P. Peterman, who is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and fifty acres on section 13, East River township, has resided in that township for thirty-five years. He was born in Crawford county Ohio, September 16, 1852, and in the spring of 1854 was brought to Taylor county by his parents, Jacob and Mary Ann (Corman) Peterman, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married, removing thence to Ohio. Subsequently they became residents of Iowa as previously stated, and the mother died in Taylor county, while the father passed away in Page county. He devoted his entire life to farming and thus provided a comfortable living for his family. Unto them were born thirteen children: Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Evans, who is now deceased; Mrs. Emeline Heller who has also passed away; Violet, deceased; William, who is living in Bedford, Iowa; Violet, who died in infancy; Mrs. Henrietta Devlin, who has departed this life; George, who died in infancy; Mrs. Eliza McClancy, deceased; Amanda, Mathew S. and David, who are also deceased; Jacob living in Taylor county; and John P.

Taylor county was still a pioneer district when the Peterman family arrived within its borders. It was situated on the western frontier and the work of improvement and progress was scarcely begun and as the years passed important changes were wrought, transforming the wild prairie into richly cultivated fields. John P. Peterman, since coming to the state, has resided in Taylor and Page counties near the county line. He was with his parents until his marriage and then went to a home of his own. He has

lived in East River township for thirty-five years and is now busily occupied with the care of his farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which is situated on section 13. There are good buildings upon the place and his attention is devoted to the cultivation of corn, wheat and oats. He also raises good grades of stock and altogether has a modern farm property.

On the 22d of December, 1877, Mr. Peterman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Delila Scarlett, who was born May 6, 1855, in Taylor county, Iowa, about three miles east of her present home. She is a daughter of Harlan and Mary (Pace) Scarlett, who were pioneer settlers of western Iowa, coming to this state from Indiana. The mother died here, while the father passed away in Atchison, Kansas. He served as a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Page county for three years. While he was absent at the front Indians would sometimes call at the pioneer home of the family and beg, Mrs. Peterman well remembering such occurrences. She was one of a family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of eight children: Bertie Ellsworth, who is a farmer living in East River township; John Edward, at home; Merrill, who is following farming in East River township; Myrtle, the wife of George Yearous, of South Dakota; Corda, Harlan, Tamar and Elmo, all yet at home.

In his political views Mr. Peterman is a republican who gives stalwart support to the principles of the party. He has served as a school officer but otherwise has never accepted positions of public preferment. He belongs to the Christian church of Newmarket, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part. His many sterling traits of character have gained him the high regard of all who know him, while his business ability and undaunted enterprise have won for him substantial success, making him one of the progressive farmers of the community.

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#### GEORGE W. ROBINSON.

George W. Robinson, now deceased, was actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Page county for many years but for sometime prior to his demise lived retired in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Delaware county, New York, on the 9th of May, 1831, his parents being Edwin and Paulina (Pettes) Robinson, the former a native of the Empire state and the latter of Massachusetts. The family is an old one in this country, several of the name having participated in the Revolutionary war. Edwin Robinson, who followed agricultural pursuits in New York throughout his active business career, passed away in that state about 1866. Politically he was a stalwart democrat, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. His wife was called to her final rest about 1869, her death also occurring in New York. Their family numbered five children, as follows: George W., of this review; Miles H., a resident of Delaware county, New York; Alice, living in Kansas, who is the

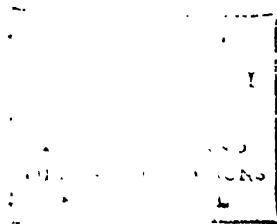


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wife of Egbert Smith, by whom she has two children, Chalice and Gertrude; A. B., the editor of the Clarinda Democrat, who wedded Miss Mary Clements and has five children, Frank, Harry, Lucille, Edith and Lydia; and one who died in infancy.

George W. Robinson was reared in the state of his nativity and obtained a good practical education in the public schools. As a boy he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm, while subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade and became a millwright. The year 1857 witnessed his arrival in Clarinda, Iowa, where he was successfully engaged in business as a contracting carpenter for a number of years or until 1868, when he took up his abode on a farm in Douglas township. He continued to reside thereon for twenty-two years, giving his time and energies to the tilling of the soil and the raising of stock, in which lines of activity he won a gratifying measure of prosperity. In 1890, having gained a handsome competence by reason of his untiring labor and capable management, he left the farm and came to Clarinda, spending his remaining days in his residence at N. 300 Fifteenth street. He had long been numbered among the most prosperous, enterprising and respected citizens of the county and left his widow in most comfortable financial circumstances. The latter now owns the family residence on Fifteenth street, two quarter sections of land in Douglas township and also a tract of one hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land in Valley township.

Mr. Robinson was twice married. In 1863 he wedded Miss Rebecca Loy, a representative of an old and prominent family of Page county. By this union were born two children: Lura M., who gave her hand in marriage to Lawrence Carter and resides in Denver, Colorado; and May, who died in infancy. In 1865, subsequent to the demise of his first wife, Mr. Robinson was married in Clarinda to Miss Rachel McMullen, a native of Preble county, Ohio, who came to Iowa with her grandparents, Jacob and Phoebe Loy. She was one of a family of five children, the others being as follows: Sarah A., the wife of William Davis, of Wharton county, Texas; John G., living in Douglas township, Page county, who wedded Miss Jane Lytle and after her death married Virgil Gridley; Phoebe, who is the wife of Robert Morledge, of Hastings, Nebraska; and Eli, a resident of Villisca, Iowa. The last named was also twice married, his first wife, Mary Strickland, passing away about 1879, after which he wedded Miss Delia Thompson. Unto George W. and Rachel (McMullen) Robinson were born six children. Callie G. is the wife of J. C. Falconer, who is engaged in the furniture business in Kansas City, Kansas. They have four children, namely: Mabel, Clarence, Harold and Margaret. Frank L., who wedded Miss Lillie Werth, makes his home in Villisca, Iowa. By this union there were three children: Frank; Gladys; and Hazel, who died in infancy. Jesse H., who married Miss Mabel McMullen, resides in Carroll county, Missouri. Guy H., living in Valley township, Page county, married Miss Laura Taylor, by whom he has one son, Verne. George C. is a resident of Kansas City, Kansas. Mark P., an agriculturalist by occupation, makes his home in Carroll county, Missouri.



Mr. Robinson gave his political allegiance to the democracy and held the office of justice of the peace for sometime, his decisions being ever strictly fair and impartial. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death, which occurred in 1901 when he had attained the age of seventy years, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he was a man whose many sterling traits of character and upright life had gained him the favorable regard and friendship of all with whom he was associated. Mrs. Robinson is a devoted and faithful member of the Universalist church and is most widely and favorably known throughout the county in which she has so long resided, the circle of her friends being almost co-extensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

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### FRED SUNDERMAN.

The characteristics of thrift and industry which are so strongly marked in the German race and which usually result in the accumulation of a fine property, is manifest in Fred Sunderman as is evidenced in a valuable farming property of seven hundred and seventy acres, situated in Douglas township, Page county, his home farm, comprising two hundred acres being known as the Walnut Grove Stock Farm.

Mr. Sunderman is a native of Hanover, Germany, born May 10, 1838, and is the only surviving member in a family of seven children, whose parents were Casper and Charlotte (Goecker) Sunderman, who emigrated to the United States in 1840. They first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, but after a brief period there spent, they made their way to Jackson county, Indiana, and entered a tract of timber land, on which the father made a small clearing and built a long cabin with clapboard roof and stick chimney. Later he cleared the remainder of his land and in due time placed the fields under cultivation, continuing to operate his farm until his demise.

Fred Sunderman was but two years of age when he was brought from his native country to the new world. He accompanied his parents on their removals after coming to the United States and it was on the farm in the then pioneer district of Jackson county, Indiana, that he was reared, his education being acquired in the schools of that district. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-five years, when he began work on his own account, by operating his father's land, being engaged in this manner for three years. In 1865 he went to St. Joseph, Missouri, and from that place drove across country to Page county, making a location on his present farm of two hundred acres in Douglas township, known as the Walnut Grove Stock Farm. He purchased this land at nine dollars per acre and immediately began developing and improving the same. He erected a good country residence, substantial barns and other outbuildings, planted a fine grove of walnut trees, from which the place takes its name, and owing to the fine improvements he has here made and to the thickly settled condition of the country, his place has greatly increased in value, being now one of the best

farming properties in Page county. In addition to this property he also owns other farm land, his possessions aggregating in all seven hundred and seventy acres in Page county. He is engaged in general farming and also has his place well stocked, keeping only the best grades of animals. The success which he now enjoys is well deserved, for it has come to him through economy, perseverance and determination.

Mr. Sunderman was married in 1863, the lady of his choice being Miss Louise Monning, who was born in Indiana, and by their marriage they have become the parents of nine children but three of the number are now deceased, the surviving members being: H. F., a resident of Nodaway township; Louis J., also making his home in Nodaway township; Martha the wife of H. D. Wagner, a resident of that township; Ed, who makes his home in Douglas township; Hannah, the wife of Harmon Wagner, a resident of Nodaway township; and Joseph H., who is still under the parental roof. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church, of which Mr. Sunderman has served as deacon for a number of years.

Politically Mr. Sunderman is a democrat and since 1892 has filled the office of township trustee and he is likewise a director on the school board. Coming to Iowa in pioneer times when much of the land was wild and unimproved, and foreseeing a future for Page county, Mr. Sunderman invested in land on which he is now realizing a good profit. When he settled here it was a long and strenuous task which was presented to him but he met it with a steady, unwavering resolution, and today he is surrounded by all the comforts of life and has a host of warm friends who esteem him for his personal worth and for his success in the business world, which has been won only through the most honorable methods.

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### GOVERNEUR BURNET JENNINGS.

With laudable ambition that could not be hampered by environment or physical conditions, Gouverneur Burnet Jennings has followed the plans and purposes which he mapped out for himself at an early age in his career and for a third of a century has practiced at the Page county bar, having previously qualified for the profession of law. As an attorney he has held his place with those who are the recognized leaders of the profession in southeastern Iowa, carefully and closely discriminating between the essential and the non-essential in the preparation of his cases and so marshaling the points of evidence as to throw their entire weight upon the legal point which he tends to prove.

He was born in Mason county, Kentucky, on the 13th of January, 1850, his parents being Charles P. and Gertrude (Burnet) Jennings, who were natives of Springfield, New Jersey, and of Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. The former was but thirteen years of age at the death of his father and, being the oldest of the children, for two years he assisted his mother in the support of the family. He then left home and walked the entire distance

westward to the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri. From that point he afterward drifted down to St. Louis and then started on the return trip to his old home, again traveling on foot. On reaching Indianapolis, Indiana, however he secured a position in the old state house. He was an expert writer and was thus employed in one of the offices, making as high as five dollars per day, receiving that amount per folio for his copying. His employers and associates there, recognizing his ability, desired him to study law, but he had determined to enter the ministry. Some time afterward he resumed his journey with this intention, and on reaching Cincinnati he formed the acquaintance of Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher, who became interested in the young man and gave him special courses of study and assisted him in pursuing a course in Lane's Seminary. Subsequently he located in Kentucky and later, in the '50s, he made a junketing trip through Iowa with two brothers-in-law, who entered land. A year afterward Charles P. Jennings located in Springfield, Illinois, where he remained until 1863, when he accepted a charge in Lafayette, Indiana. Three years later he removed to Shelbyville, Indiana, where he resided up to the time of his death. His early religious identification was with the Presbyterian church but later he embraced the Episcopal faith. His life was a most beneficial one in its far-reaching influences and at all times actuated by the lofty purpose of assisting his fellowmen to put forth earnest and consecrated effort in the holy calling to which he devoted his time, attention and energies. He died in November, 1894, at the age of seventy-four years, and is still survived by his widow, who was born in 1821.

G. B. Jennings of this review is descended in both the paternal and maternal lines from families represented in the Revolutionary war. His father's grandfather was a veteran of that struggle, while Dr. William Burnet, the grandfather of Mrs. Charles P. Jennings, was surgeon general of the Jersey troops.

In taking up the personal history of G. B. Jennings we present to our readers the life record of one who for a third of a century has been identified with the profession of law in Page county and stands today as one of the foremost representatives of its bar. He was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools and under his father's instruction. He pursued the course in the grammar school at Lafayette, Indiana, and it was his intention to enter Harvard, but his strenuous course of preparatory study undermined his health and his father therefore made him put aside his text-books and get the physical exercise in the open air that was needed to restore him to health. This was in 1869 and he came to Iowa, settling in Benton county, where he engaged in farming for a year. In 1870 he returned to Indiana and secured a position in the wholesale book house of Bowen, Stewart & Company, at Indianapolis. In the fall of the same year, however, he was matriculated in the State University at Columbia and attended several special courses of lectures in that institution previous to 1872, when he located in Pike county, Missouri, and again resumed the occupation of farming. While thus following agricultural pursuits he took up the study of law and in 1874 and 1875 went to Louisiana, Missouri,

where he entered a law office, there continuing his reading until September, 1876, when he was admitted to the bar.

In February, 1877, Mr. Jennings came to Page county, locating in **Essex** on the 11th of that month for the practice of law. For fourteen years he remained in that town and on the 19th of June, 1891, came to Shenandoah, where he has since resided. His ability in his chosen profession is widely acknowledged and is manifest in the care and precision with which he prepares his cases and the able, clear and forceful manner in which he presents his cause in the courts. His arguments are always sound and his deductions logical, while in the analyzation of a case he seldom, if ever, arrives at an incorrect conclusion.

On the 11th of March, 1882, Mr. Jennings was married to Miss Nellie B. Snyder, a daughter of John H. and Isabelle Snyder, of Riverton, Fremont county, Iowa. Unto this marriage have been born three children: Carrie Cotsworth, Staats Burnet and Ralph Waldo, the last named now a student in the Shenandoah high school.

Mr. Jennings is a stalwart republican in his political allegiance and thoroughly conversant with the vital questions and issues of the day. An active and interested member of the Episcopal church, he has served as one of its wardens since its organization. He is also a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, A. F. & A. M., and Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M. Fighting the enemy of ill health in early manhood, he has by determined purpose, ready adaptability and wise utilization of all the opportunities that have come to him made for himself an honored and prominent position as a representative of the legal interests of Page county, his knowledge of the law and his correct application thereof, placing him in the ranks of Shenandoah's most capable and successful attorneys.

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#### HENRY S. COOK.

Henry S. Cook, a well known representative of the business circles of Shambaugh, who is now cashier and general manager of the Shambaugh Savings Bank, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, near Demitt, on the 9th of September, 1873. His parents were Samuel and Sarah (Hamilton) Cook, the former a native of Sheffield, England, while the latter was born near Saratoga Springs, New York. For some years they were residents of Crawford county, Iowa, but are now residing at Galt, Missouri, and the father, who for many years followed farming, has retired from active business life. In their family were four children: Emma, now the deceased wife of W. V. Atkins; Henry, the subject of this review; Hattie, the wife of K. B. Sprout, who is living in Dunlap, Missouri; and Mary, the wife of Frank Ellsesser, of Garden City, Kansas.

On the old homestead farm near Denison, Iowa, Henry S. Cook resided with his parents until twenty-two years of age. He supplemented his early education acquired in the common schools by study in the Denison

Normal Business School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He then went to Oklahoma, where he remained for a year, during which time he was in the employ of a milling company. On the expiration of that period he removed to Grundy county, Missouri, where he was engaged in the real-estate and banking business, which he carried on at Galt and at Trenton. He assisted in organizing a bank at Galt and another at Dunlap, Missouri, and held official positions in both, so that it was with broad and thorough experience that he came to Shambaugh and entered upon his duties here as cashier and general manager of the Shambaugh Savings Bank in November, 1907. His connection with this institution now covers two years, during which period he has manifested marked capability in control of the affairs of the bank and in extending the scope of its business. The other officers are: G. William Richardson, of Clarinda, who is the president; and N. H. Martin, of Clarinda, who is the vice president.

On the 22d of May, 1901, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Pratt, a native of Grundy county, Missouri, and a daughter of S. A. Pratt. The marriage has been blessed with two children: Wilma and Hil-dred. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, cooperating in all of its branches. Mr. Cook is now serving as president of the Epworth League. He became a member of the Masonic fraternity at Galt, Missouri, and in politics is an independent republican who usually votes for the men and measures of the party, yet does not consider himself irrevocably bound to do so. He possesses the spirit of modern progress characteristic of the age and in his business career has made wise use of his opportunities and judiciously employed the advantages which have come to him. His sterling worth of character as well as his business enterprise has gained him a creditable place in the regard of the citizens of Shambaugh during the two years of his residence here.

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#### ALFRED B. LORANZ.

Page county has reason to be proud of the record of Alfred B. Loran-z, one of her native sons, for since attaining his majority he has proven his worth in the field of business and in public service as well. He made a splendid record as clerk of the district court and is now conducting important interests as vice president of the firm of Loran-z & Company, Incorporated, conducting now an extensive business in abstracts, farm loans, real estate and insurance.

Mr. Loran-z was born in Clarinda, Iowa, January 28, 1875, and is a son of Henry and Carrie (Little) Loran-z. His education was acquired in the public schools of this city; in Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he remained two years; and in Lake Forest College at Lake Forest, Illinois, where he completed his course in 1898. On his return

to Clarinda he entered business with his father in the conduct of an abstract, real-estate and insurance office. The company makes loans on farm lands, negotiates many important realty transfers, makes many abstracts and writes a large amount of insurance annually. On the 1st of January, 1906, the business was incorporated under the name of Lorz & Company, with Henry Lorz as president; A. B. Lorz as vice president; and C. E. Blair, secretary. This company is today one of the most important operating in southwestern Iowa, its business being annually represented by a large figure and the men who are at its head are recognized as among the most forceful, enterprising and progressive in business circles in Page county.

On the 1st of January, 1899, Mr. Lorz was appointed deputy clerk of the district court and in 1902 was elected to the position of district court clerk, in which capacity he served for six years, or three terms, having been twice reelected—a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties. In 1909 he again took up his work in the Lorz Company, having all this time retained his interest in the business. He is a young man of marked energy, continually seeking out new plans and opportunities for the extension of the business, and his enterprise, determination and keen insight are important elements in the success which the company is now enjoying.

Mr. Lorz was married on the 12th of June, 1901, to Miss Annie L. Foster, of Clarinda, a daughter of Charles W. and Ann L. Foster. They are prominent socially and the hospitality of their own home is one of its most attractive features. They hold membership in the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Lorz is also identified through membership relations with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. In 1908 he was elected president of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly and was again elected in 1909 but later resigned the presidency, although he is still one of the directors. He has taken an active interest in this movement of marked educative value, and in fact cooperates in all measures which are essential to the best development of the community and the promotion of its material, intellectual and moral interests.

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#### L. E. NELSON.

L. E. Nelson is successfully engaged in the butchering business at Clarinda in partnership with his father, the firm conducting an extensive establishment of this character at the corner of Washington and Fifteenth streets. He was born in Harlan township, Page county, on the 19th of September, 1875, his parents being S. W. and Ellen Caroline (Wilson) Nelson, the former a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, while the latter's birth occurred near Clarinda. L. E. Nelson was reared in the place of his nativity and attended the schools of Clarinda in pursuit of an education. During the periods of vacation he acquainted himself with the

meat business under the direction of his father and after leaving school at the age of nineteen years he worked for his father in the shop.

On the 14th of June, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company M, Fifty-first Iowa Militia, and on November 4, 1898, sailed for Manila, Philippine Islands, on the transport Pennsylvania, reaching his destination on the 2d of February, 1899. He participated in sixteen engagements under command of Colonel J. C. Loper and remained on the Islands until September 22, 1899, when he sailed for San Francisco, being there honorably discharged on the 1st of November, 1899.

On returning to Clarinda Mr. Nelson accepted a position as buyer of hides with the American Hide & Leather Company but resigned at the end of a year and became engaged in the butchering business at Clarinda. In May, 1903, he formed a partnership with his father and they have since built up an extensive and profitable trade as dealers in meat, their establishment being located at the corner of Washington and Fifteenth streets. They do all their own slaughtering and have ever maintained an unassailable reputation for business integrity and reliability. Mr. Nelson of this review owns ten acres of valuable land, five of which are located in Clarinda, while the remaining five acres lie just outside the corporation limits of the city. In connection with his father he owns thirteen acres of land on the corporation line, as well as a town lot, while he and his wife have a farm of one hundred and twenty-three acres in East River township, which they rent. Alert, enterprising and aggressive, he has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings and is numbered among the substantial, representative and progressive citizens of his native county.

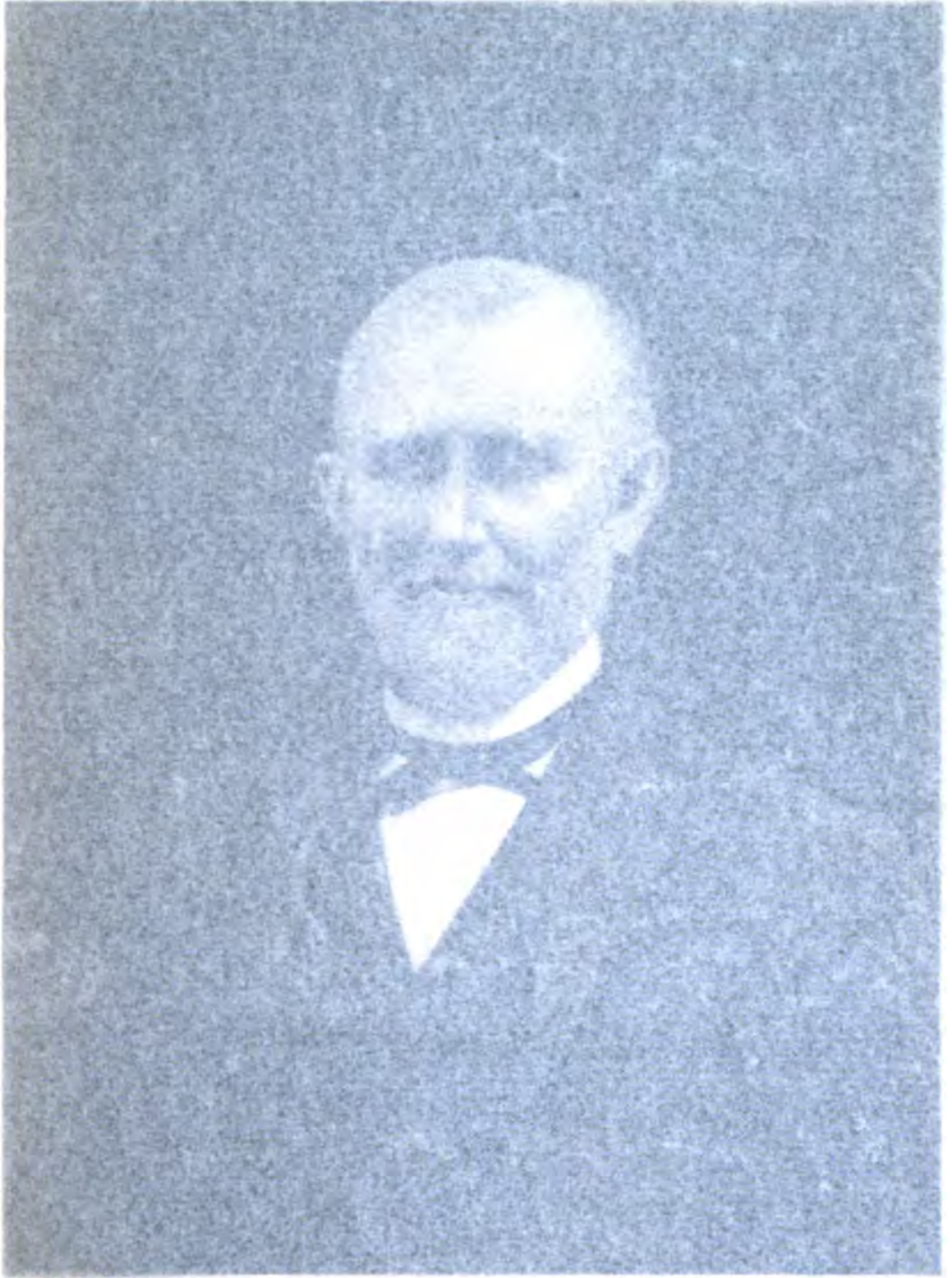
On the 28th of December, 1902, in Clarinda, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Davison, whose birth occurred on the 8th of November, 1874. They now have two children, Charles Elmer and Edward Walker. Mrs. Nelson is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church and also belongs to Rebekah Lodge. In social circles both she and her husband occupy an enviable position as the result of the possession of qualities which win kindly regard and sincere friendship.

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#### GEORGE E. MARTIN.

George Elmer Martin, better known to the people of southwestern Iowa and northwestern Missouri as George E. Martin, was born in New Jersey, July 14, 1834, and died at Clarinda, Iowa, on the 12th of December, 1905. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Martin and at the age of eight years was taken by his parents to Morgan county, Illinois. His mother died when he was fourteen years of age. His father died and was buried at Clarinda in 1886.

His father was a farmer and George, as a boy and man, in that respect followed in his footsteps and during all his life was actively engaged in



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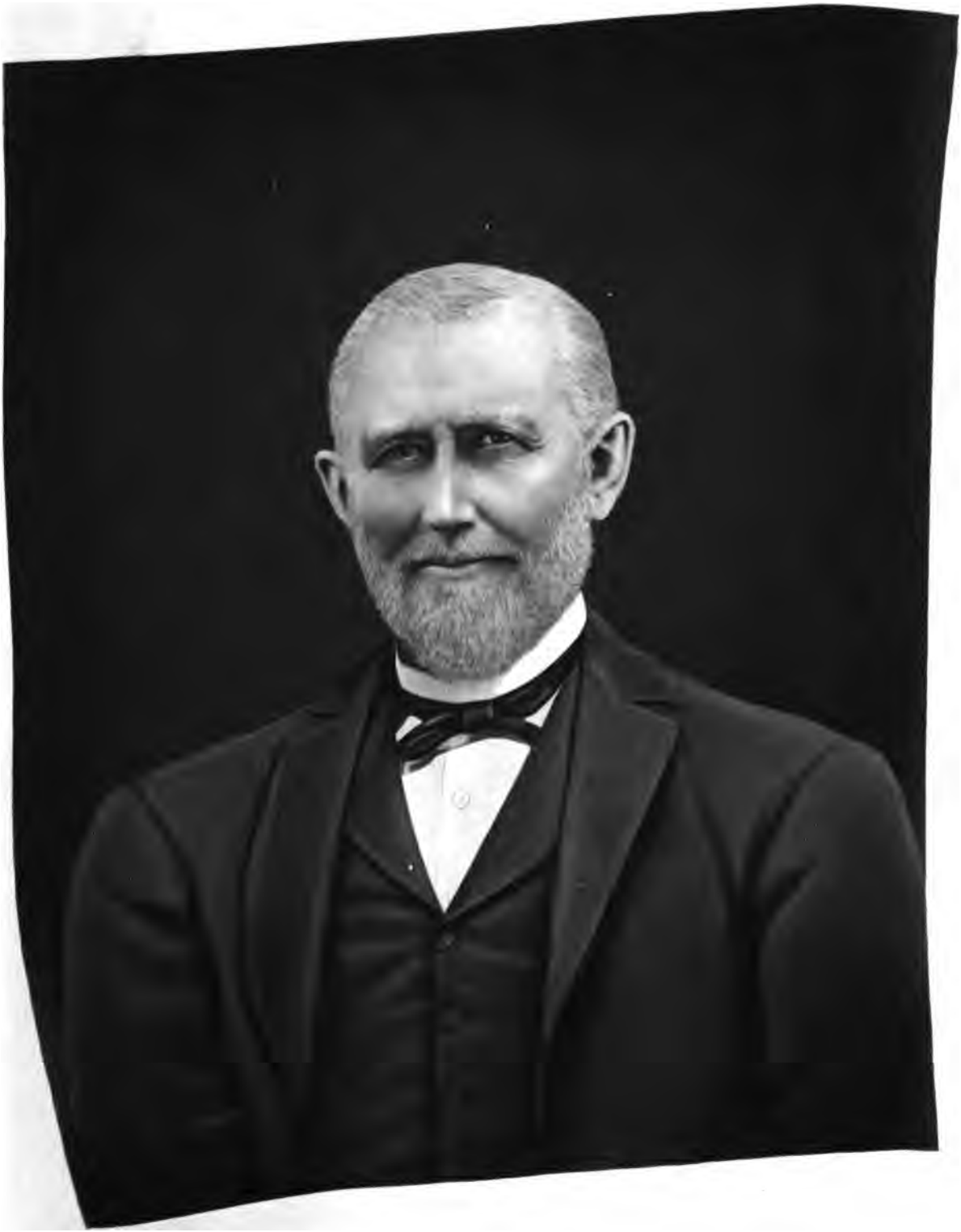
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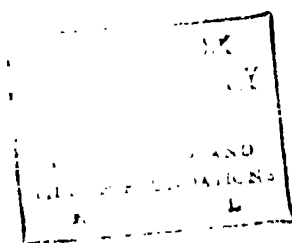
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agricultural pursuits. His first earnings were the result of working as a farm hand and was in consideration of twelve and one-half cents a day. Later, when he had grown stronger and older, he received thirteen dollars a month. When yet a young man one of his dominant ideas was apparent. The accumulations and earnings of his early years were invested in real estate. Strange as it may appear to those who knew Mr. Martin in later years his first investment proved an utter failure as he lost every dollar of his savings by reason of defective title. He had to begin the struggle again at the very lowest round of the financial ladder, but he had an experience and a lesson which he never forgot and in all purchases of real estate thereafter titles were fully and carefully examined by attorneys who were competent to pass upon them. This episode in the life of Mr. Martin was known to but few outside of his own family and, while he was not infallible in business matters, yet he probably made as few mistakes as any, and when he did make them the world was none the wiser.

After his loss, his first venture was the purchase of a standing field of wheat almost ready for the harvest. It belonged to an extensive land owner of advanced years who sought to secure Mr. Martin's services as an employe, with the result that he sold the wheat to Mr. Martin, who was to harvest and thresh it, and pay so much per bushel at the scales. Out of this deal Mr. Martin cleared nine hundred dollars. The gentleman with whom Mr. Martin dealt was so pleased with his management and judgment that he insisted that he should become his tenant, which he did, remaining with him as a renter until he had accumulated about thirty-five hundred dollars, which amount he brought with him when he came to Page county in 1865. Soon after his arrival he purchased a farm in Buchanan township and engaged in handling live stock with Samuel Nixon as a partner, making his home with Mr. Nixon.

On December 18, 1870, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Alma L. Remington and they made their home on the Buchanan township farm until October, 1876, when they moved to Clarinda and it remained his home until his death. Mr. Martin was guided by principles of honesty and integrity and acted on the principle that his word was as good as his bond. Careful in making a promise, he kept such a promise to the letter. He acquired a great fund of useful information from nature and experience and business connections and in his periods of leisure was a most entertaining conversationalist. His friends were stanch ones and he was true to them. He was entirely devoid of ostentation. He worked and managed and gained properties, acquiring new possessions without display and one would have been surprised to hear him speak of the value of his holdings. His business inclinations ran to farms and live stock, chiefly, and at the time of his death, in addition to the lands owned in Page county, he was an extensive holder of lands in Texas, which in most instances were stocked with cattle. He owned and conducted a large farm in Atchison county, Missouri, his investments being principally confined to lands, though he was an important stockholder in the Page County State Bank and in two other banks in the county. He was a great business man and had the

faculty of attending strictly to his personal business, never engaging in speculative or uncertain enterprises.

As stated he was married to Alma L. Remington on the 18th of December, 1870. Mrs. Martin's father, Amos Remington, was a resident of Buchanan township, Page county, Iowa. He was born October 1, 1816, in Ashtabula county, Ohio. In his childhood days he moved with his parents to Pennsylvania, where his youth was passed and education received. From that time until 1870 he resided in several states, coming to Page county in the year last named. He was married October 13, 1842, to Miss Matilda Munger, of Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Remington died May 12, 1896, and Mrs. Remington died August 27, 1901. They left surviving them three children: Delevan, Alma L., and Alfretta. Six children are deceased. His father, Seth Remington, was born in Connecticut in 1781.

To Mr. and Mrs. Martin were born six children: Claude; Dale; Blanche, now the wife of A. J. Rockhill; Noros H.; Bethene; and George. Claude died September 9, 1878, and Bethene, October 25, 1906. Mrs. Martin and George, her youngest son, reside in Clarinda.

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### JOHN E. McCURDY.

Iowa with its splendid agricultural possibilities offers excellent opportunity to him who wishes to earn his living by the tilling of the soil. Washington has said that "Agriculture is the most useful as well as most honorable occupation of man," and history gives evidence of the fact that it is the basis of all success. Devoting his time and energies in successful manner to the cultivation and improvement of a farm, John E. McCurdy has become well known as a prominent and progressive citizen of Buchanan township, where he owns and operates three hundred and ten acres of fine land. He also raises and deals in live stock and is recognized as one of the extensive stock shippers of Page county.

A native of Page county, Mr. McCurdy was born in Buchanan township on the 22d of June, 1866, a son of Franklin and Esther (Seabolt) McCurdy, both of whom are yet living. The period of his boyhood and youth was spent on his father's farm and he attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. This, however, by necessity was rather limited as he was able to attend school for a few years only and then during merely the winter seasons, the summer months being devoted to farm labor. He remained under the parental roof, assisting his father, until twenty-one years of age, when he entered business life on his own account, becoming a section hand on the Wabash Railroad, in which capacity he continued for about fourteen months. He then decided to make the occupation to which he had been reared his life work, and consequently he rented a farm of sixty acres from George Farrens, which he operated for one year.

Ambitious, however, to own his own farm, through diligence, industry and perseverance, combined with economical expenditure, Mr. McCurdy

was at length able to purchase forty acres of land from William Long on section 22, Buchanan township. He resided upon that place for eight years, during which time he bought another tract of forty acres. In 1897 he traded that farm for eighty acres located on section 21, and continued to make that his home for ten years. Throughout that period he was successful in his agricultural pursuits and as he prospered he was able to add from time to time to his realty holdings until he had two hundred and fifty acres. In 1907 he traded one hundred and twenty acres of his property for the Runyan farm, which consisted of one hundred and eighty acres, Mr. McCurdy paying the difference in cash. His holdings now cover three hundred and ten acres of excellent farming land, all under a high state of cultivation with the exception of a very few acres of bottom land. In connection with carrying on general farming he raises, feeds and ships hogs and cattle, being recognized as one of the largest stock dealers in Page county. He makes a specialty of shorthorn cattle, and his shipments of stock, which are very extensive, are always made to St. Joseph, Missouri, or to Chicago, Illinois.

In 1889 Mr. McCurdy was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Wilson, a daughter of John D. and Matilda (Davison) Wilson, residents of Buchanan township, Page county. Mrs. McCurdy was born and reared in that township and by her marriage became the mother of three children, namely: Ora, who passed away in 1897, at the age of six years; James Leonard, who died in 1909 on the 6th of February, at the age of sixteen years, five months and twenty-eight days; and William Lloyd, who at the age of fourteen is still under the parental roof.

Mr. McCurdy gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. About eight years ago he was elected constable, but he refused the honor, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive personal interests. A man of resourceful ability, constantly watchful of opportunities, which he improved to their full extent, he has been very successful in agricultural pursuits and is ranked among the substantial and progressive business men of Buchanan township.

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#### HARVEY R. SPRY.

Harvey R. Spry, whose position in business circles in Clarinda is a prominent one from the fact that he was one of the organizers and promoters of the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank, which was formed in 1903 and of which he has continuously been vice president, is numbered among Iowa's native sons. He came to this city in 1892 from Red Oak, having been a resident of Page county from pioneer times. His birth, however, occurred in Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, on the 3d of August, 1860, his parents being Elijah A. and Jane M. Spry, the former a blacksmith of Mount Pleasant, who resided in that city for some time and after-

ward removed to Red Oak, where he entered business circles as a furniture dealer and undertaker. He died at the age of sixty-seven years and is still survived by his wife, who is living in Clarinda.

Harvey R. Spry, spending his boyhood days in his parents' home, acquired his early education in the Red Oak public schools and afterward attended high school at Burlington, Iowa. He then entered the First National Bank at Red Oak in 1878 in the capacity of bookkeeper and was advanced to the position of assistant cashier, thus serving until 1892. In the latter year he arrived in Clarinda and was appointed cashier of the Clarinda National Bank, so remaining for eleven years or until 1903, when he became one of the organizers of the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank, which was capitalized for seventy-five thousand dollars. He was then made vice president and has since continued as one of the executive officers. He is very active in the work of the bank and the promotion of its interests and his labors have constituted an effective force in the enlargement of its business connections. He has closely studied the financial situation, conditions and problems of the day and in the conduct of the bank has installed a safe and conservative policy which allows of no venturesome risks but doesn't fear to advance where favoring opportunity leads the way. The Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank is now rated as one of the safe financial institutions of southwestern Iowa and from the beginning has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth.

In 1885 Mr. Spry was united in marriage to Miss Mabel B. Curtis, of Red Oak, Iowa, a daughter of Josiah O. Curtis. They have become the parents of seven children, Merrill C., Marjorie M., Estella, Helen, Harold Park, Dorothy and Francis Lavina, constituting an interesting household where good cheer and hospitality reign supreme.

In community affairs Mr. Spry is interested and has given his active aid and cooperation to many measures and movements which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. His life is actuated by high and honorable principles inculcated by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an earnest member. He contributes generously to its support and takes a helpful interest in its various activities. One of the native sons of Iowa, he is a western man by birth, training and preference, imbued with a progressive spirit which has been the dominant element in the up-building of this great section of the country.

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#### HENRY F. ANNAN.

The Sunny View Stock Farm, one of the valuable and pleasing properties of East River township, is owned and conducted by Henry F. Annan, who has become well known as a breeder of shorthorn cattle. He also successfully carries on general farming, for he is watchful of opportunities and is, moreover, a man of unfaltering industry. He was born in Harlan township, Page county, Iowa, February 17, 1865, and was about a year

old when he was taken to Nodaway township by his parents, John and Anna Sophia (Myers) Annan. They took up their abode near Clarinda, where they resided for sometime and at the present writing they make their home in the city.

Henry F. Annan was the second in order of birth in a family of four children and on the home farm in Nodaway township the days of his boyhood and youth were spent in the usual manner of farm lads who enjoy the educational advantages offered by the common schools and receive their business training under parental direction. He remained at home until his marriage and in 1892 came to his present place of residence, which is one of his father's farms and comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich, arable and productive land on sections 9, 10 and 15, East River township. Upon the place is an attractive dwelling with good outbuildings and other substantial equipments which he has provided. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields while carrying on general farming and he also breeds shorthorn cattle, doing a good business along that line. In fact his stock-raising interests are an important feature of the place, which is known as the Sunny View Stock Farm. His father has about fifteen hundred acres of land and is one of the wealthy agriculturists of this part of the state. Henry F. Annan also bids fair to become a prosperous man owing to the capable management and unfaltering enterprise which he displays in the conduct of his business interests.

On the 10th of March, 1892, Mr. Annan was united in marriage to Miss Georgia H. Herren, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, on the 1st of June, 1868. She came to this county in 1870 with her parents, James D. and Mary Louise (Carter) Herren, who spent their remaining days in Page county, where they reared their family of nine children.

In his political views Mr. Annan is a democrat and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty. He is busily occupied with his farming and stock-raising interests and his experience and knowledge have made him an authority on the subject of breeding shorthorn cattle and Plymouth Rock chickens. He is meeting with well merited success in his undertakings and is widely and favorably known throughout the community.

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#### J. B. MARINER.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in Bingham than J. B. Mariner who, for many years, has been closely connected with various business interests of this village and from its organization has taken an active and helpful interest in its affairs. He was born in Fulton county, Illinois, October 16, 1851, a son of Eliphalet and Julia C. (Lord) Mariner, the former a native of New York and the latter of Connecticut. In 1836, as a young man, the father settled in Fulton county, Illinois, and four



years later returned east for his bride, whom he brought back with him to the little Illinois home which he had prepared and in which they resided until his death in the early '80s. The mother then removed to Shenandoah, Iowa, making her home for some time with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Ayers. She still survives at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years and divides her time among her various children. The father was one of the first contractors on public works in Fulton county and also operated the first groundhog thresher in that county.

Reared upon his father's farm J. B. Mariner pursued his education in the public schools of his native county and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. In the meantime he had become familiar with all of the tasks which fall to the agriculturist, learning valuable lessons concerning the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and thus, upon attaining his majority, he was well equipped to enter upon an independent agricultural career and assume the practical and responsible duties thereof. He first rented a farm in Fulton county, Illinois, for two years, and then in the spring of 1875 he came to Page county, Iowa. Many years prior to this his father had purchased soldiers' declaratories, locating his claims in Morton township, this county, and he had secured more than one thousand acres in Page, Fremont, Mills and Ringgold counties. Upon his arrival in Page county J. B. Mariner purchased from his father eighty acres in Morton township, upon which he located, and later his father gave him another eighty acres. Soon after he traded his tract of one hundred and sixty acres for another quarter section, upon which he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits for four years.

Since that time Mr. Mariner has been variously engaged. For seven years thereafter he operated a store at Bingham and then became identified with grain interests, operating an elevator at Bingham, with which he is still connected, while for thirteen years, at intervals, he has run a thresher. He and his brother, Louis L. Mariner, in conjunction own three quarter sections of land and handle coal, farm machinery, etc., having established a large and flourishing business along that line. Indeed throughout all of his various enterprises and activities Mr. Mariner has been signally successful, his keen business sagacity and careful management of his affairs proving salient elements in his success, while his combined business interests have made him one of the substantial and affluent citizens of Grant township.

It was in 1886 in Taylorville, Illinois, that Mr. Mariner was united in marriage to Miss Rachel E. Miller, of that city, a lady of excellent traits of character who is highly esteemed wherever known. She is a member of the Congregational church of Shenandoah, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of her life.

Politically, Mr. Mariner is a stalwart republican, having served on the school board for some time, while he has likewise been treasurer of the board for the past twelve years, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion. He is a prominent figure in fraternal circles, holding membership in Shenandoah Lodge, No. 261, I. O. O. F., since 1877, while

he was a charter member of the encampment of the Odd Fellows of Shenandoah. He likewise was a charter member of Juniata Lodge, No. 195, K. P., of Shenandoah, and is heartily in sympathy with the spirit of humanitarianism and brotherhood upon which these orders are founded. Pre-eminently a public-spirited man, he has been a potent factor in the public affairs of Bingham since its organization, at all times doing all in his power to promote progress, reform and improvement, while his name is enrolled high on the list of Page county's valued and representative citizens.

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### WILLIAM WEHMILLER.

One of the prosperous and representative farmers of Valley township is William Wehmiller, who is living on section 31. There he owns and cultivates a farm of two hundred and eighty-nine and a quarter acres, which is constantly increasing in value because of the care and labor which he bestows upon it. A native of Indiana, he was born in Jackson county on the 11th of December, 1860, a son of Fred and Elizabeth (Meyers) Wehmiller. The parents were natives of Germany and came to America at an early date, first locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence they removed to Indiana, where the father's death occurred. The mother still survives at the age of seventy-five years and makes her home in that state. In their family were ten children, nine of whom are yet living.

Reared to agricultural life, William Wehmiller spent the days of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm and acquired his education in the common schools. He soon became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad, and that his early training in farm labor was both practical and thorough is indicated by the excellent condition of his present farm. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and then, desiring to enter business on his own account, he came to Page county, Iowa, where he was employed as a farm hand, being thus engaged for seven years. Then, that his labors might more directly benefit himself, he rented land and operated a threshing machine for eight years. At the expiration of that period, in 1896, he took a trip to California, where he remained for a short time, and then returned to Page county, where he speculated in corn. He was also engaged in the ice business in Clarinda for three years. In the meantime he had purchased a farm near Yorktown, which he later sold, and then invested in his present farm in Valley township, upon which he has since resided. He has directed his entire energies toward the further development and improvement of this property, has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, has introduced all modern equipment for facilitating farm labor, and his place today is one of the valuable and desirable farm properties of Valley township. He also devotes some of his time to stock interests, making a specialty of raising hogs. He is a keen business man and his careful management and indefatigable energy constitute the salient features of his success.

On the 5th of January, 1905, Mr. Wehmiller was wedded to Mrs. Adolphine Buch, the widow of William Buch, her birth occurring in Germany. Unto this union was born one son, William. Mr. and Mrs. Wehmiller are members of the German Lutheran church, in the work of which they are helpfully interested. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Wehmiller has been a strong advocate of the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to devote his time and thought to the conduct of his private business affairs, which are capably conducted. He early learned that industry is the key which unlocks the portals of success and, as the years have passed, he has labored diligently and perseveringly until today he enjoys a comfortable competence and has won for himself a high place among the representative agriculturists of Valley township.

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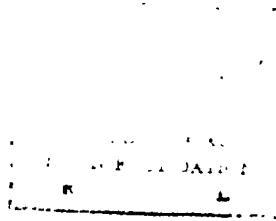
#### ABRAHAM MURPHY COLLIER.

There is no man residing in Nebraska township who was here at the time of the arrival of Abraham Murphy Collier in 1851. Throughout the intervening years he has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred and of the transformation that has been wrought by time and man. His memory forms a connecting link between the pioneer past and the present with all its modern changes and improvements and equipments. Moreover, his is a notable record from the fact that although now eighty-two years of age he is still active in business, with a mind as clear and a judgment as sound as it was when he was in the prime of life.

Mr. Collier was born in Lee county, West Virginia, on the 21st of May, 1827, his parents being John B. and Joanna (Robinson) Collier. Their family numbered ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom the subject of this review was the fourth in order of birth. He spent his early boyhood days in his native state, and when he had attained his tenth year he removed with his parents to Black county, Missouri, where they resided for several years, during which time they cut down timber and developed a farm in the midst of the forest. In 1843 a removal was made to Andrew county, Missouri, where they resided for seven years, A. M. Collier during that time being busily employed at farm work. His thorough training and wide experience in the fields well qualified him to take charge of farming interests on his own account when he started out in life.

In February, 1849, Mr. Collier was united in marriage to Miss Nancy McAlpin, a daughter of Henry and Betsy (Farnsworth) McAlpin, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Mrs. Collier was born March 24, 1827, and for many years this worthy couple traveled life's journey happily together but were separated by the death of the wife on the 5th of May, 1902.

After his marriage Mr. Collier remained in Missouri until 1850, when, attracted by the discovery of gold in California he made a trip across the





*Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Collier*



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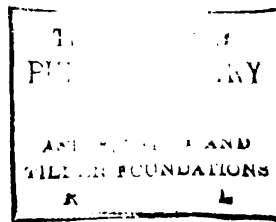


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**PIONEER LOG HOUSE IN YARD OF A. M. COLLIER**





plains to the Pacific coast. After a year he engaged in mining but did not find gold in sufficient quantities to enable him to continue his search for the precious metal and therefore he turned his attention to teaming, which he followed until the fall of 1851. In that time he had become convinced that the middle west was much more suited to him as a place of residence and he gladly and safely returned to Missouri.

Almost immediately afterward he took up his abode in Page county. Mr. McAlpin had removed to this county and had purchased a tract of land on which was the frame work of a grist and saw mill. Some work had been done in the sawmill but no grist had been turned out of the hopper. When Mr. Collier arrived upon the scene he purchased an interest in the mill, which he and his father-in-law operated. He also found further scope for his labors in farming and developing a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres. The partnership with his father-in-law existed for six years, at the end of which time they sold the mill and divided the land equally, Mr. McAlpin taking the portion on which Hawleyville was afterward platted. Mr. Collier continued upon his farm until 1857, when he turned his attention to merchandising, opening a general store in Hawleyville, which he conducted until 1863. He then closed out his stock but again in 1866 he entered commercial fields, forming a partnership in the same line of business with John Buckingham. Soon afterward he purchased his partner's interest and conducted the store successfully and alone until 1876, when he disposed of the stock to his eldest son, George W. Collier, who carried on the business until his death, which occurred in 1884.

After severing his connection with the dry-goods trade Mr. Collier turned his attention to his milling interests and to the raising and sale of stock. For some time he carried on business as proprietor of a grist and saw mill, the former having the capacity of fifty barrels. Later, however, he discontinued the saw mill and has increased the capacity of the grist mill to seventy-five barrels. He also owns a fourth interest in the store in Hawleyville and at one time he was the owner of over one thousand acres of land in Nebraska township but has disposed of all of this to his children except forty acres upon which stand his home and his mill in the village. In 1875 he erected a frame residence at a cost of three thousand dollars, which at that time was one of the finest in the eastern part of the county and is still one of the attractive and substantial residences. He has contributed in large measure to the upbuilding and growth of Hawleyville, where he has at different times owned considerable real estate. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, allowing no obstacle to brook his path, if it can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Collier were born the following named: George W., who was born February 26, 1850, and died in 1884, leaving a widow, Matilda J., now the widow of D. B. Goodman of Hawleyville; John H., who died leaving a widow and one child; Arabella S., who is the wife of Dr. David Elliott, a prominent and popular citizen of Nebraska township, who is serving as representative from this district to the state legislature;

Elizabeth, who died at the age of ten years; two who died in infancy; Charles M., who died leaving a widow and one child, residents of Hawleyville; and Sadie, who is the wife of Ernest Strong of Nebraska township.

In his political views Mr. Collier has always been a stalwart democrat and upon the party ticket has been elected to several local offices, including that of township assessor, justice of the peace and constable. He is a member of Clarinda Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., and his wife was a devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. His first home was in the log house which now stands near his fine residence. He has remained in the county continuously since 1851 and no man has resided in Nebraska township for as long a period, while there is only one woman living here who was in the neighborhood at the time of his arrival. He is a remarkable man for one of eighty-two years, enjoying good health and manifesting marked business activity. He has accomplished much in the midst of a useful life and at all times has been worthy the esteem and confidence which are uniformly tendered him.

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#### CALVIN P. GREENE.

There is no more worthy or highly respected citizen in Shenandoah than Calvin P. Greene, who has now reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey. He was born in Berlin, Rensselaer county, New York, on the 6th of February, 1829. His parents were Benjamin and Rhoda (Niles) Greene, both of whom were natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather, Lanford Greene, was born near Berlin and devoted his life to the occupation of farming, which he carried on in that locality until called to his final rest. He was among the early settlers there, living in the county when much of the land was covered with the native timber. He had, therefore, assisted in the arduous task of developing and improving that section of the country and his worth as a citizen was widely acknowledged in the community. He married Abigail Thomas, who was also born in the same locality. They were of the same family as General Greene of Revolutionary fame. It was in the early part of the seventeenth century when John Greene, the founder of the family in America, came from England with Roger Williams and established his home in the new world which was then being colonized by settlers from all parts of the earth. John Greene had two sons, from one of whom Calvin P. Greene is descended, while General Greene belonged to the other branch of the family. Benjamin Greene, the father of our subject, died at the comparatively early age of forty-three years and his wife when forty-six years of age, so that C. P. Greene was left an orphan when comparatively young.

In the place of his nativity Calvin P. Greene remained until twenty-two years of age. He lived upon the farm until fifteen years of age and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Berlin. His early education was acquired in the district schools and he afterward attended the South Williamston Academy in Berkshire county, Massachusetts. Later he engaged in teaching school in Petersburg, New York, and afterward was the teacher in his own district. He took up the profession when seventeen

years of age and followed it until twenty years of age. Subsequently he engaged in clerking in Berlin for one year but, desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he established a tailoring business in Berlin and later opened a shoe store.

Mr. Greene continued a resident of the east until 1851, when he removed westward to Peoria county, Illinois, arriving at his destination with a cash capital of seventy-five dollars. In the meantime he had married and his wife accompanied him to the west. The necessities of the occasion demanded that he accept any work which he could secure and for a time he was employed as a farm hand, aided in the care of live stock and also engaged in threshing. During the first winter of his residence in Illinois he engaged in teaching in the public schools and also conducted a singing school. In the spring he bought a team, rented land and began farming on his own account. In the spring of 1854, with the capital which he had saved from his earnings, he purchased eighty acres of land and continued to engage in farming in Illinois for many years thereafter. In 1861 he visited New York, where he remained for a year, and on his return he purchased one hundred acres of land in Marshall county, Illinois, having previously sold his original eighty acres. He taught school during the winter in which he visited in New York and following his return to Illinois in 1862 he again engaged in teaching in Marshall county and likewise conducted a singing school.

Mr. Greene was closely associated with the agricultural interests of Illinois until 1874, when he came to Page county and settled in Washington township in what is the southwestern corner of the county. There he purchased a quarter section of land, on which he placed all of the improvements and to the development of his farm he gave his time and energies until 1881. He then went to Northboro, a town in Washington township, where he acted as postmaster for twelve years. He had had previous experience in the same official line, for he had acted as postmaster in Illinois. He was likewise engaged in the hardware business in Northboro, where he made his home until 1900. In the meantime he had purchased another quarter section of land and had in all an entire half section. In 1900 he came to Shenandoah and since taking up his abode here has made investment in a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Fremont township, Page county, but recently sold this property. His business affairs have been capably conducted and while he has made general farming his real life work he has at times capably controlled other interests. In 1867 he was proprietor of a harness shop at Lawn Ridge, Illinois, and in the management of his hardware business at Northboro he displayed keen business discernment and unflinching energy.

Mr. Greene was married in Berlin, New York, in 1850 to Miss E. J. Dodge, who was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, and in her girlhood days removed with her parents to Berlin. Eight children were born of this marriage: Mrs. Ida L. Darby, now living in Northboro; Frank L., whose home is in Blanchard, Iowa; George L. and Mabel J., both now deceased; Charles G., a contractor of La Grande, Oregon; Henrietta, who

married Austin Sollars, a farmer of College Springs, Iowa; Mrs. Jesse R. McKie, who is deceased; and Alfred W., a dairyman of Shenandoah. Mrs. Greene is a daughter of John and Malinda (Bates) Dodge and is a lady of many estimable traits of character, who has indeed been a faithful companion to her husband on the journey of life. They have now been man and wife for almost sixty years and are one of the most venerable couples of the county.

In his political views Mr. Greene was formerly a republican but his opinions concerning the temperance question have led him in recent years to give staunch support to the prohibition party. He has acted as township clerk of Washington township for three years, was justice of the peace for four years and notary public for eleven years and his official services have ever been discharged in a manner creditable to himself and highly satisfactory to his constituents. He has long been a devoted, worthy and faithful member of the Baptist church and has served as a deacon in that denomination since 1877. For eleven years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and he has been a most generous contributor to the support of the church. His life has ever been an upright and honorable one, characterized by unflinching fidelity to high and manly principles, and now in the evening of his days he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

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#### LOUIS J. SUNDERMANN.

Louis J. Sundermann is the owner of Home View Farm, a fine property of two hundred and forty acres situated on sections 22 and 23, in Nodaway township. This is conducted as a stock farm, Mr. Sundermann making a specialty of raising Aberdeen Angus cattle, having forty head of registered cattle on his place at the present time. He also raises hogs and horses and is one of the leading representatives of live-stock interests in this part of the state.

Page county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Douglas township on the 6th of September, 1869. His parents were Fred and Louisa (Moenning) Sundermann, both of whom now reside in Dayton township. They were the parents of nine children, of whom three died in infancy, the others being: Henry, a resident of Nodaway township; Louis J.; Edwin, living in Douglas township; Martha, the wife of Henry D. Wagner, of Nodaway township; Joseph, at home; and Hannah, the wife of Herman Wagner, of Nodaway township.

Louis J. Sunderman was reared on the farm where his birth occurred, there remaining until his marriage, when he came to his present place of residence. His youthful days were devoted to the duties of the school-room, the pleasures of the playgrounds and the work of the fields. Through the periods of vacation he assisted his father in carrying on the home place, while in the winter months he pursued his education. He has never

desired to enter any other field of labor than that to which he was reared, and that nature well qualified him for this work is indicated in the excellent and desirable success which has attended his efforts. Home View Farm is now one of the valuable properties of Nodaway township, splendidly equipped with modern accessories and conveniences, presenting in its appearance the evidence of care and progressiveness on the part of the owner. Within the boundaries of the farm, which is situated on sections 22 and 23, Nodaway township, are two hundred and forty acres of rich land. While Mr. Sundermann to some extent engages in the raising of grain, his place is pre-eminently a stock farm and he makes a specialty of raising Aberdeen Angus cattle, having a very fine herd of forty head of registered stock on the place. He exhibits his cattle at the county and state fairs and has carried off many premiums. He also raises high grades of hogs and horses and has done not a little to improve the grade of stock produced in this part of the state. All of the buildings upon his farm stand as monuments to his enterprise, and that he is a man of indefatigable industry is indicated in the well kept appearance of his place.

On the 10th of February, 1898, Mr. Sundermann was married to Miss Amelia Sundermann, who was born in Nodaway township, September 29, 1877, and has always resided within its borders. Her parents are John and Wilhelmina (Wehrkamp) Sundermann, who also reside in Nodaway township, and they here reared a family of ten children: William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Mrs. Louis J. Sundermann; Carl, of Nodaway township; Anna, the wife of Richard Nothwehr, of California; George, at home; Emma and Emil, twins; and Robert, Alma and Wilma, all yet under the parental roof. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Sundermann has been blessed with three children, Arnold, Bertha and Wilhelmina.

In his political views Mr. Sundermann is a stalwart democrat, continuously supporting that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as school director of his district for the past ten years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church of Nodaway township and their influence is always given on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement. They are well known residents of the community and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

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#### ALVIN NELSON.

Alvin Nelson, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Valley township, Page county, and who is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of this locality, is ranked among the thrifty and enterprising citizens whom Sweden has sent to this country. A native of that country, his birth occurred in Holland county on the 29th of January, 1862. He is a son of Nels and Permilia Nelson, also natives of Sweden,

where they both passed away. In their family were nine children, of whom five sons came to the new world, while one still lives in his native land.

Alvin Nelson pursued his education in the schools of Sweden. He emigrated to the United States in 1881 and came direct to Page county, Iowa, where he obtained employment on a farm for six years. At the expiration of that period he went west to the Pacific coast, living in Washington and California for two years, and in the meantime was engaged in a creamery as a buttermaker. Returning to Page county, he purchased eighty acres of land, which now constitutes his home farm and upon which he has since resided. It is situated on section 6, Valley township, and is a highly improved property, most of its development being due to the industry and energy of Mr. Nelson. He has erected a fine house upon the place and provided substantial barns and outbuildings, also machinery and other conveniences necessary to carry on general farming. He has made a close study of the grains and cereals best adapted to soil and climate, understands the best methods of cultivating the land, and aside from his general agricultural pursuits gives some attention to the raising and feeding of hogs. On the whole, by a strict attention to business and by employing modern methods, his farm has become an excellent paying proposition. He has purchased another tract of eighty acres on section 1, Douglas township, so that his property holdings now include one hundred and sixty acres.

In 1893 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Sullivan, a native of Page county, and unto this union has been born two children, namely: Leland B., a student of the high school at Villisca, Iowa; and Vida P., still at home. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and are people of high moral character.

Mr. Nelson gives his political support to the republican party and has served as township trustee and also as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He has never found occasion to regret his determination to come to America for here, where individual effort is unhampered by caste or class, he has gained a gratifying amount of prosperity and is numbered among the prosperous and progressive farmers of his section of the county.

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### SETH JAMES CLARK.

Seth James Clark is the proprietor of the Walnut Valley Stock Farm of eight hundred acres, one of the valuable farm properties of Page county. He is recognized as a man of excellent business ability and keen discernment and his carefully directed labors and well managed interests have made him one of the leading agriculturists of this part of the state. He was born in the town of Barre, Worcester county, Massachusetts, September 27, 1840, a son of Erastus and Betsy (Petty) Clark, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts and spent their last days in Page county. The father, who



*Math J. Clark*

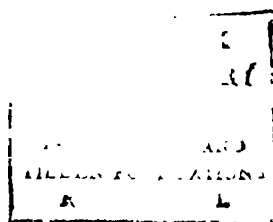


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*Seth J. Clark*



was born December 6, 1800, died on the 11th of April, 1880. He was a farmer throughout his entire life and displayed in his business affairs sound judgment and unfaltering industry. Prior to the Civil war he was a staunch abolitionist and he always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, political and otherwise. He was a cousin of Robert G. Ingersoll, whose father was a brother of Mrs. Clark, the grandmother of our subject. Mr. Clark possesses a complete set of Ingersoll's works, for which he has great admiration. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Clark were seven children: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Edward Cooke; Horace, who has also passed away; Mary, who became the wife of E. C. Cooke and is now a widow living in Newmarket, Iowa; George W., also of Newmarket; Seth J.; Caroline, who died in childhood; and William, deceased.

Seth J. Clark was seven years of age when in 1847 his parents removed from Massachusetts to Chicago, Illinois. After three or four years spent in that city the father preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land in Cook county, twenty miles west of Chicago. He remained upon that place for about five years and then went to De Kalb county, Illinois, trading his Cook county property for a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in De Kalb, where he lived for five or six years. He then traded for a thousand acres in Page county, Iowa, the family taking up their abode here about 1860. Seth J. Clark was then a man grown and went over the plains through Nebraska to Denver, freighting for the government and bought the first store that was built in that city. Soon afterward, however, he traded it for stock and engaged in freighting over the plains for twelve years, principally between Denver, Nebraska City, Leavenworth, Omaha and New Mexico. Indeed he engaged in freighting throughout the entire western country and in 1867 when the railroad had reached Junction City, Kansas, Mr. Clark made the first successful winter trip to Santa Fe, while two trains behind him perished. In 1866 he freighted into Montana and at Fort Phil Kearney lost forty-eight mules by the Indians. Captain Brown, then in command of the fort, went to his rescue and ninety-six soldiers lost their lives at that time. In the spring of 1867 when he returned from New Mexico Mr. Clark made a contract with the United States government at Fort Wallace to deliver hay at the fort. He had three hundred and fifty men in his employ and did an extensive business. In 1868 he was awarded the same contract but in a year lost one hundred and twenty-five mules through the depredations of the Indians.

In 1873 Mr. Clark returned to Page county, where he has resided continuously since, devoting his attention to general farming and stock raising. He now has a farm of eight hundred acres all in East River township. There are five sets of buildings upon it, all of which were erected by Mr. Clark and all other improvements were made by him. He is one of the extensive landowners of the county and the Walnut Valley Stock Farm is one of the most valuable properties in this part of the state. In addition he has a ranch of four hundred acres about twenty-five miles north-east of Trinidad, Colorado.

In 1873 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ella, Carpenter, who was born in Taylor county, Iowa. His children are: Walter, now living in Colorado; Wilber H., who is living with his brother in Colorado; Burt Seth, at home; Addie, the wife of Ed Smith, of East River township; and Myrtle, who is with an aunt in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In his political views Mr. Clark was a stalwart republican for many years but during the past four years has been allied with the socialist movement. He has never desired nor would he consent to accept office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is, however, a deep thinker and loves debate and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. His has been an eventful life, filled with many thrilling incidents and exciting events during his residence upon the plains when he was freighting through the west. In the conduct of his business affairs since his return to this county he has won notable and satisfactory success and his progress has placed him with the prominent agriculturists and stock raisers of the county.

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MAX E. WITTE, M. D.

Man's worth in the world is judged not by what he has done for himself alone but by what he has done for his fellowmen. Upon each individual as a unit rests obligations and duties relative to his connection with humanity at large and he is held in highest regard whose labors have had direct bearing upon the progress of the race or upon the improvement of conditions connected with certain classes. Dr. Witte is deserving of more than passing notice from the fact that he is an authority upon mental diseases and that his work in this field has been a valuable contribution to medical science.

He was born January 31, 1859, near Berlin, Germany. His father, G. W. Witte, came to America with his family in 1864, settling in Galena, Illinois, and later he removed to Jackson county, Iowa. Dr. Witte was but five years of age at the time of the emigration to the United States. His early education was acquired in the country schools and later he attended a preparatory college at Galena, Illinois, conducted under the auspices of the Lutheran church. His broad literary knowledge served as a stimulus for further intellectual development. He, therefore, decided upon a professional career and entered the College of Medicine, which is a department of the Iowa State University, where he was graduated with the class of 1881. He also read under the direction of Professor W. D. Middleton during his student course and, locating in Davenport, he became connected with the Iowa State Hospital at Mt. Pleasant in 1881, remaining there as assistant physician until 1898. In that year he accepted a proffered position as superintendent in connection with the Clarinda State Hospital and later was elected one of the lecturers in the Iowa State University, his special field being mental diseases. Throughout the years of his practice he has given

much attention to mental and nervous disorders, and has become largely known as an authority upon that phase of professional work.

In 1891 Dr. Witte was united in marriage to Miss Nevada Randolph and they now have one son, Max Ernest, who was born in 1895 and is now attending the Clarinda high school.

Dr. Witte belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the Knight Templar degree. He is also a member of the Lutheran church and his influence has always been on the side of right, justice, truth and progress. In professional relations he holds membership with the American Medico-Psychological Association, the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society, the Page County Medical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has been a frequent and valued contributor to medical journals upon psychological subjects. His life has largely been devoted to the treatment and study of insanity and his work has been of utmost value, not only through this state, but also through the United States, owing to his dissemination of knowledge concerning phases of mental disease. He has advanced many original and beneficial ideas relative to the treatment of this unfortunate class and largely through his efforts are the insane given many liberties, fully forty per cent being allowed to come and go almost as they please. He realized that close restriction was detrimental, proving an irritant to the mental condition and that in the feeling of liberty the mind frequently became strengthened and reached the normal condition. Since coming to Clarinda the capacity for the Hospital of the Insane here has been increased from seven hundred to eleven hundred inmates and many improvements have been introduced for their care. Farms have been developed and the work that is done by the patients has been a great source of benefit, keeping the mind occupied and the attention and energies directed. In all of his work Dr. Witte is actuated by a spirit of the broadest humanitarianism and this added to his scientific knowledge has made his labor of the utmost benefit to mankind. He has won wide recognition in his profession, his fame by no means being limited by the borders of this state.

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#### O. F. SWANSON.

In an analyzation of the character and life work of O. F. Swanson we note many of the characteristics which mark the Swedish race—the perseverance, reliability, energy and unconquerable determination to pursue a course that has been marked out. It is these sterling qualities which have gained to Mr. Swanson success in life and made him one of the substantial and valued citizens of Douglas township, where he owns forty acres of the old home place, and he also manages his father's land, which comprises four hundred and eighty acres.

Mr. Swanson was born in Sweden, June 26, 1863, and was but one year old when he was brought to the United States by his parents, N. P. and

Eva (Danielson) Swanson. The year 1864 witnessed their arrival in the new world and a location was first made in Henry county, Illinois, where they made their home until the spring of 1871, when a removal was made to Page county and the father then purchased land, to which he has since added until his farm now comprises four hundred and eighty acres in Douglas township, of which he is still the possessor. When he arrived in Page county he had but one hundred and fifty dollars in money but he possessed a stout heart and willing hands and as the years passed by he worked on earnestly and through the assistance of his estimable wife and the help of his sons he has acquired a handsome competence, which now supplies him with all the comforts of life. He has made many improvements on his farm, including a fine country residence, barns and other out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock, while his wife and son planted a nice grove of walnut and maple trees, which furnish not only shade but also add to the attractive appearance of the place. For many years Mr. Swanson was actively engaged in carrying on the work of the farm but he is now living retired at the advanced age of eighty years, while his son manages and operates the home place. The wife and mother also survives at the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Swanson are the parents of the following children: Charles J., who resides in Clarinda; Mary, the widow of Andrew P. Hull, a resident of Douglas township; August, also of Douglas township; O. F., who, as above stated, operates the home farm; Henry, deceased; J. A., who resides in Douglas township; Hilda and Anna, still under the parental roof; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Swanson and his wife are numbered among the pioneers of Page county, having been prominent factors in the development and improvement of this section of the state and now in their declining years they are living happy and contented lives, enjoying in ease the fruits of their former toil.

O. F. Swanson, the immediate subject of this review was but one year old when he was brought by his parents to the new world, and he was a little lad of eight years at the time of their location in Douglas township, so that he has practically been reared on the farm which is still his home. His education was acquired in the common schools near his father's home. He was early trained to the work of the farm, assisting his father in plowing, planting and harvesting during the spring and summer months, and the knowledge he thus acquired now enables him to manage the extensive interests of the homestead property, so that his father can spend his last years in honorable retirement. Mr. Swanson is also the owner of forty acres of land which was formerly a part of the home place and he also cultivates this in addition to his father's land. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and in this branch of business is meeting with substantial success. He formerly owned three hundred and twenty acres of land in Canada, which he disposed of at a profit of one hundred and thirty-five per cent. Mr. Swanson owns a nice automobile, being the first man to bring a motor car into Douglas township.

A republican in his political views, Mr. Swanson has ever taken a lively interest in local affairs and for several years has served in the office of constable, while for some time he has been a school director and road supervisor. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Hepburn Lodge, No. 482. He belongs to that class of representative men who rapidly discern opportunities for improvement and who are rapidly forging to the front. Brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by honorable and determined effort, he is working his way upward and is already favorably known in business circles because of his capability and laudable ambition.

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### HENRY LORANZ.

The name of LoranZ is indelibly inscribed upon the records of Clarinda and Page county and has been a familiar one here from early pioneer times. Anthony LoranZ, father of Henry LoranZ, cast in his lot with the first settlers who were reclaiming southwestern Iowa for the purpose of civilization. He was born near Baden Baden, Germany, October 29, 1810, and was educated for the Catholic priesthood, but in 1831 accompanied his parents and younger brother to America, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and events determined him to devote his time and energies to business pursuits rather than to the church. A year after their arrival the parents both died of cholera and to provide for his own support Anthony LoranZ secured employment as a laborer and teamster in the vicinity of Philadelphia. In 1837 he went to New York and was employed on the Erie canal until 1839, when he made his way to Chicago, Illinois, and thence to Fulton county, that state, where he resided until 1858. In March, 1842, he wedded Barbara Bolender and subsequent to his marriage purchased eighty acres of timber land in Fulton county, Illinois. He there engaged in farming until March, 1858, when he sold his property and came to Page county, Iowa, the family arriving in September of the same year. Mr. LoranZ established a general store in Clarinda, conducting it until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he disposed of his stock with the intention of joining the Union army but found that he was physically unable to endure the hardships of military life and at once engaged in recruiting service, being commissioned by Governor Kirkwood.

Following the close of hostilities Anthony LoranZ was joined by his son Henry in business under the firm style of A. & H. LoranZ, conducting the store until 1869, when a succession of disasters caused their failure. Unwilling to take advantage of the bankruptcy laws Mr. LoranZ, by his indefatigable energy, industry and determined purpose, at length paid off every creditor in full. His commercial honor and integrity ever stood as an unquestioned fact in his career. Under President Grant he received appointment as postmaster of Clarinda and so continued until his death in 1881. His wife passed away January 12, 1868. The position which she held in public regard and especially in her own household is indicated in the



words which her husband had inscribed on the plain marble slab that marks her last resting place: "She was, but words are wanting to tell what. Think what a wife should be and she was that." In April, 1869, Anthony Lorz wedded Mrs. Sarah Burtch, of Bellville, Nebraska, and at once brought her to Clarinda with her two children. He was long a devout member of the Presbyterian church and it was through his efforts and liberality that the house of worship of that denomination was built in Clarinda in 1860, while the bell used to call the worshipers together was freighted by him overland from Fulton county, Illinois. He was a member of Nodaway Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M.; and Clarinda Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M. No man ever more fully enjoyed the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, or more justly deserved that respect.

Henry Lorz, one of the seven children of his father's first marriage, has resided continuously in Page county for more than half a century. He was born in Fulton county, Illinois, February 12, 1844, and was therefore fourteen years of age at the time of the removal of the family to southwestern Iowa. His education was acquired in the public schools of the two states and in Eastman's Business College of Chicago. He was a youth of nineteen years when he offered his services to the government in July, 1863, joining Company A of the Eighth Iowa Cavalry, with which he saw much active duty at the front. He was taken prisoner thirty-five miles southwest of Atlanta, Georgia, and suffered all the hardships of southern prison life in Andersonville, being one of thirty thousand men confined there at that time. He was afterward transferred to Charleston, where he remained a month, and subsequently was sent to Florence, South Carolina, where he was incarcerated five months, obtaining his release at Wilmington, North Carolina, in March, 1865. He was then sent to Annapolis, Maryland, where he was provided with a much needed uniform; proceeding from that point to St. Louis, and was honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa. His military record was a most creditable one and he is today numbered among the honored veterans whose ranks are fast being decimated as one by one they answer the last roll call.

After attending business college in Chicago, in 1866, Henry Lorz returned to Clarinda and was identified with his father in mercantile pursuits until 1871. In that year he was elected treasurer of Page county and the trust reposed in his official honor and integrity is indicated by the fact that popular suffrage continued him in office for twelve years, and on the expiration of his last term he refused to become a candidate for reelection. In 1884 he joined his brother Raymond in the abstract and loan business, which was the beginning of the business that still exists under the firm style of Lorz & Company. Some years later his brother retired and Henry Lorz was joined by his son, Alfred B. On the first of January, 1906, the company was incorporated under the style of Lorz & Company, with Henry Lorz as president; A. B. Lorz, vice president; and C. E. Blair, secretary. The company is a prominent one in this field of activity, the extent and importance of its business and the reliability of its business methods gaining for it a foremost place in business circles.

On the 18th of February, 1869, Mr. Loran was united in marriage to Miss Carrie A. Little, of Altoona, Illinois, who was educated in the Granville and Steubenville Female Seminaries, of Ohio, and made a specialty of the study of music. She successfully engaged in teaching music for many years and for forty years was organist in the Presbyterian church. She has had, too, marked influence in social circles of the city and has ever presided with gracious hospitality over her own home. Mr. and Mrs. Loran are the parents of five children: Mabel B., who died at the age of five years; Grace, who died in the same year—1874—when but seven months old, both being buried in the same grave; Alfred B., who is his father's associate in business; Bertha Rose; and Carrie.

Mr. Loran is a prominent Mason, belonging to Nodaway Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., and Clarinda Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M. He is a charter member of Warren Post, No. 11, G. A. R. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican and on the 1st of May, 1889, was appointed postmaster, which position he filled for over four years. A prominent member of the Presbyterian church, he served for twenty-three years as clerk of the session and for a long period has been one of the elders. His life in its varied activities has been an influential factor in Page county's substantial development and in its progress along intellectual, social and moral lines. Living within its borders from his boyhood days, his record has at all times been in harmony with high principles of manhood and of citizenship.

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#### CHARLES TUNNICLIFFE.

The growth and prosperity of every town and city depends upon its commercial and industrial activities which are consequent upon the enterprise, determination and foresight of its business men. In this connection Charles Tunncliffe deserves more than passing notice for he was one of the promoters and is now active in the control of the industrial enterprise carried on under the name of the Clarinda Lawn Mower Company. Born in Kewanee, Illinois, on the 14th of August, 1867, he is a son of George and Rosetta (Frink) Tunncliffe. The father was a merchant of English descent, representing a family that for five hundred years was associated with the pottery interests of England. It was on the "Merrie Isle" that George Tunncliffe was born but in his boyhood days he was brought to the United States and since 1842 has been a resident of this country. He still makes his home in Kewanee, being one of its most respected and valued citizens.

It was in the public schools there that Charles Tunncliffe acquired a knowledge of the common branches of English learning. His youthful days passed uneventfully, his time being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him by paternal authority. At the age of eighteen years he came to Page county and began farming, following that pursuit for eight years,

after which he entered the lumber business at Shenandoah as a representative of the Green Bay Lumber Company. He remained at that place for one year and was then transferred by the company to Clarinda as manager of their interests at this point, where he successfully conducted a lumber yard for nine years, building up a good trade for the house. At length he resigned his position, seeing broader business opportunities in other directions, and in 1908 joined a party of enterprising citizens in the organization of the Clarinda Lawn Mower Company, which established a plant and began business. The factory is equipped with the latest improved machinery and all accessories for facilitating the work. A force of competent workmen are employed and the business is carefully systematized and managed, so that maximum results are obtained by a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material, which is the basis of all success in business. At the time of the organization of the company Mr. Tunncliffe was made secretary, treasurer and general manager of the firm and the success of the undertaking is largely attributable to his control and keen discernment into the details of every business situation. Moreover, he is the president of the Clarinda Patent Exchange.

On the 11th of August, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Tunncliffe to Miss Georgia Nye, of Shenandoah, Iowa, a daughter of William and Harriet Nye, farming people of this county. The children of this marriage are five in number, namely: Ralph, Vera, Carl, Max B. and Norma.

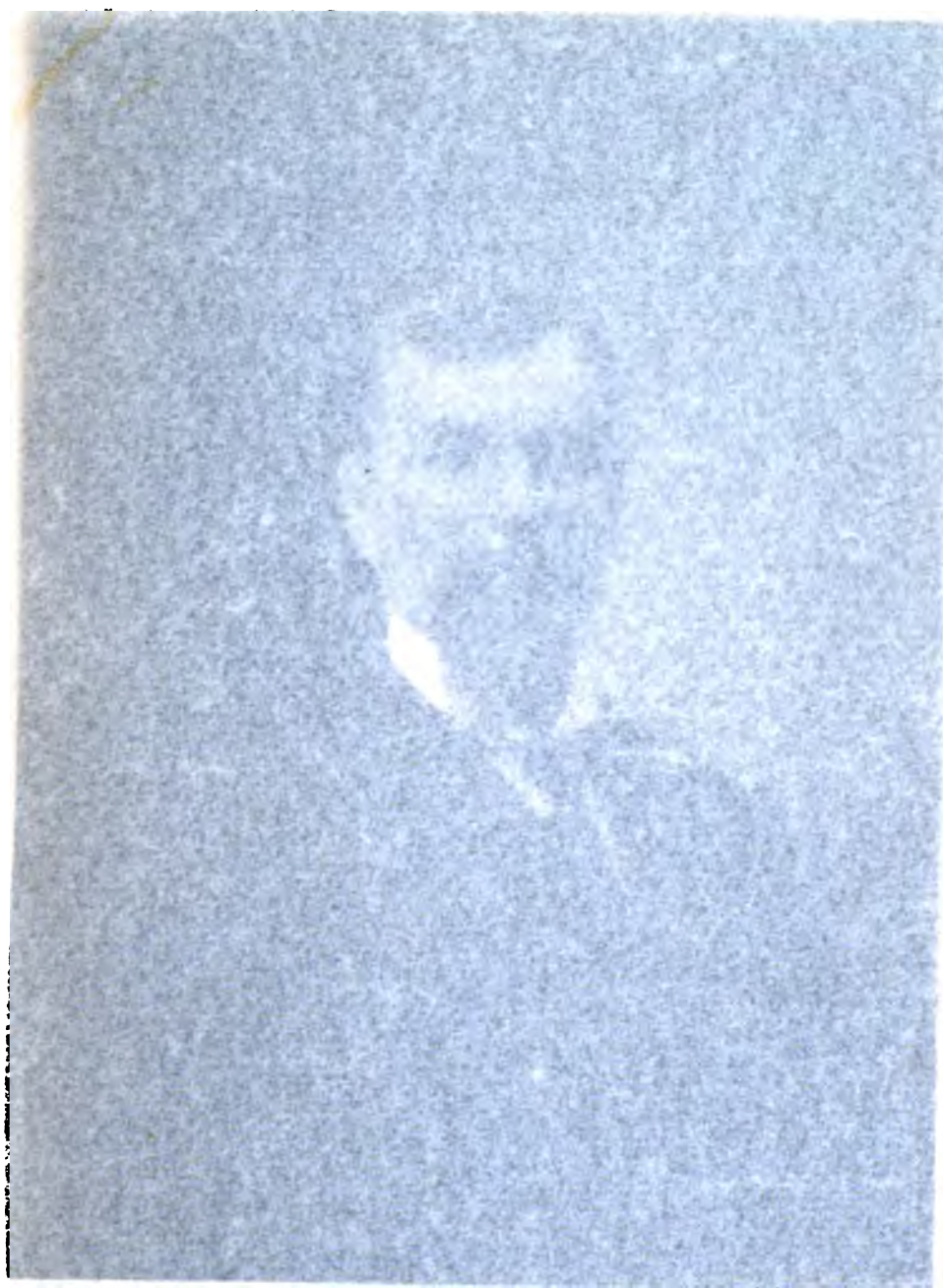
The parents hold membership in the Baptist church, are interested in its various activities and Mr. Tunncliffe is serving as one of the church trustees. He is interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the community, has been a member of the school board and was vice president of the Chautauqua Assembly at the time of the erection of the first auditorium. He has cooperated in this movement which is of important educational value here, nor is he slow to assist every enterprise which he deems will prove of public good.

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#### CHARLES HART.

Macaulay has said that "the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people" and therefore in this connection Charles Hart deserves prominent mention, for he is one whose efforts have been effective forces in molding the material and moral progress of the community in which he lives. For a long period he was closely associated with agricultural interests and is now one of the extensive landowners of the county. He is equally prominent in financial circles as the president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Coin.

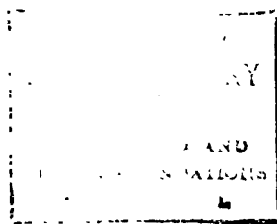
Mr. Hart is numbered among the worthy citizens that Ohio has furnished to Page county, his birth having occurred near Cleveland in Cuy-







*Charles Hart*



ahoga county, on Christmas day of 1844. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hart but the mother died when her son Charles was very young. The father was a sailor on the Great Lakes and when Charles was about six years of age he went to Mexico, since which time no news has been received from him. In the family were six children: Mrs. Mary Phillips, of Cleveland, Ohio; Benjamin, deceased; Elizabeth, who makes her home in Cleveland; Kathryn, who has also departed this life; Charles, of this review; and Luther, a resident of Hudson, Ohio.

Thrown upon his own resources at a very early age, Charles Hart may justly be called a self-made man, for the success which he has achieved is due entirely to his own efforts. He early began to earn his living by working as a farm hand and was thus employed in his native county until sixteen years of age. The only educational advantages which he received were those afforded by the district schools, and the necessity of providing for his own support prevented him from attending school to any great age. He had, however, been an apt pupil in the school of experience and has learned many valuable lessons which have made him a sagacious business man.

On leaving Ohio Mr. Hart went to Illinois, where he was employed at farm labor until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in 1863, he offered his services to the government, enlisting at Rochelle, as a member of Company A, Second Illinois Cavalry. He joined the regiment at Springfield, Illinois, and at Camp Butler the command was instructed in military tactics and duties for three months. They then proceeded south to New Orleans and participated in the battles of Mobile and Fort Blakely and saw active service all the time. As he was a member of the cavalry, however, Mr. Hart was mostly engaged in skirmishing and after the war he was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, in 1865.

In that year he returned to Illinois, where he remained until 1870, when he married and came to Iowa. He drove across the country with Mr. Davidson, a neighbor, and reaching his destination, purchased eighty acres of land about three miles southwest of Coin, paying for the property six dollars and a quarter per acre. When he had erected a dwelling he sent for his wife, who joined him in their new home, and they lived upon that farm until 1891, when Mr. Hart purchased his present farm, comprising eighty acres just at the edge of Coin. On this property he has since made his home. In the midst stands a very commodious and beautiful residence, while all around are the other improvements of a model farm and highly cultivated fields. As the years have passed he has made further investment in property and is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of improved farm land in this part of the state. Moreover, he has become an active factor in financial circles. He is a large stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Coin and in 1906 was elected to the presidency, so that he is now the chief executive officer of the institution. He has also helped open up and develop the mines of the Coin Coal Company near Coin. His farming interests have been turned over to others, while his attention is now given only to the supervision of his investments.



In April, 1870, Mr. Hart was married to Miss Lucy Harleman, who was born in Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: Josephine, who is acting as her father's housekeeper; and P. R., at San Francisco, California. The wife and mother died in 1907, her death being the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret to many friends who esteemed her highly for her splendid traits of heart and mind.

Mr. Hart is a prominent and active member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as elder, and fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army post at Shenandoah. His is a notable record of the self-made man, his history being another proof of the fact that it is only under the stimulus of necessity that the strongest and best in man is brought out and developed. Thrown upon his own resources when but a boy he became self-reliant and learned to use his native talents and powers to the best advantage and also to improve every opportunity leading to honorable success. As the years have passed the steps in his orderly progression have been easily discernible and have carried him into important relations with the agricultural and financial interests of the county.

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#### TILFORD L. PUTMAN, M. D.

Tilford L. Putman, physician and surgeon, whose close and comprehensive study has gained him a high measure of proficiency in his chosen field of labor, while the trust reposed in his professional skill is manifest in the extensive patronage accorded him, was born in Princeton, Missouri, on the 8th of February, 1859, his parents being Green M. and Mary E. (Kelsey) Putman. The father was a native of Fulton county, Illinois, while the mother's birth occurred at Greencastle, Indiana, upon the farm where De Pauw University now stands. Green M. Putman was reared in the place of his nativity to his tenth year, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Davis county, Iowa, where he attained his majority. After his marriage he acquired the ownership of the farm upon which the town of Belknap, Iowa, has since been built. In 1869 he became one of the very first settlers of southwestern Iowa, taking up his abode at Locust Grove, Fremont county, where he lived for four or five years and then removed five miles south to what was known as High Creek. There he resided until 1886, when he retired from active farm life and established his home in Hamburg, Iowa. He had led a busy, useful and active life, bringing him a substantial measure of success so that in his later years he was enabled to enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life without further recourse to labor. He passed away in the fall of 1897 at the age of sixty-two years, while his wife died in 1899 at the age of sixty-three years. Both lie buried in the Locust Grove cemetery. The father was a radical republican in politics for many years, giving unfaltering support to the men and measures of the party, and his opinions constituted an important factor in its councils. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his

many good qualities and his progressive citizenship, called him to serve in various local offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. For a long period he ranked as one of the influential, valued and honored men of this section of the state and lived to witness its transformation as the evidences of frontier life were put aside and those of modern civilization were assumed.

Dr. Putman, reared in his father's home, acquired his early education in the country schools and afterward had the benefit of instruction in the Southern Iowa Normal at Bloomfield, Iowa. When twenty-one years of age he began teaching and followed that profession for four years, spending one-half of the time in Fremont county, Iowa, and the other half in Fulton county, Illinois. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor for during this time he devoted all of his so called leisure hours to the reading of medicine, having as his preceptor Dr. T. H. Bragg, of Hamburg, and Dr. J. V. Harris, of Canton, Illinois, a brother of Bishop M. C. Harris of Japan and Corea. Then in further preparation for the medical profession he matriculated in Rush Medical College, of Chicago, in the fall of 1883 and was graduated therefrom with honors in the class of 1885, he being one of six in a class of one hundred and sixty-three who passed a perfect examination.

Following his return home Dr. Putman learned of the removal of Dr. C. T. Clark, of Riverton, and determined to locate there, becoming Dr. Clark's successor. He remained in active and successful practice at that point for six and one-half years when, seeking a broader field of labor, he came to Shenandoah in October, 1891, and has since remained in this city, where he has built up and enjoys an extensive and growing practice. He is a leading physician of the city and has spared no effort to perfect himself in his chosen line of work. He has carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of scientific knowledge and has pursued post-graduate courses in the Chicago Polyclinic in 1895, in 1897 and again in 1900. In 1905 he made a tour of the eastern cities, visiting the hospitals and witnessing the work of some of the ablest surgeons of America, while in 1909 he pursued a post-graduate course in the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Thus he has availed himself of every opportunity to promote his efficiency that he may give valuable service to his patrons. He is a man of sympathetic nature and this, as well as his skill, has enabled him to do effective work in professional lines.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Dr. Putman was married March 25, 1886, to Miss Jessie D. McKean, of Columbus, Nebraska. Unto this marriage has been born one child, Lynn J., who is now a graduate of the medical department of the University of Maryland, at Baltimore.

Dr. Putman gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attractions for him. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, is a member of its official board and for five years has acted as one of its trustees. He also belongs to Juniata Lodge, No. 295, K. P.; to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; to Nishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W.; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 261,

I. O. O. F.; to Lodge No. 176, Yeomen of America; and is a charter member of Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A., of Shenandoah. He has appreciation for the social amenities of life and is interested in the different organizations which have for their object not only the promotion of social interests but also the promulgation of a spirit of brotherly helpfulness and mutual kindness. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, whose companionship is appreciated by those who know him but he never allows outside interests to interfere with his professional duties, being recognized as a most able surgeon, while at the same time he is most successful in the administration of remedial agencies.

Through the efforts of Dr. Putman the Shenandoah City Hospital was founded, of which he is now surgeon in chief. He is also physician to the Western Normal College and gives considerable attention to education, delivering lectures to the students as well as attending them in sickness. He is a member of the Southwestern Iowa Medical Society and the Medical Society of Missouri Valley. He is also a member of the Association of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and is serving as trustee for the state of Iowa in that association. He is surgeon for the Wabash Railroad Company and a member of its Association of Surgeons; is also a member of the Tri-State Medical Society, of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri; and a charter member of the American Association of Railway Surgeons.

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### J. K. HARLAN.

Careful analyzation into the life history of the great majority of men gives incontrovertible proof of the fact that success is won by earnest, persistent and unflinching effort. It is in this way that J. K. Harlan has worked his way upward, for although he started out in life empty-handed, he has made progress in the business world and is now the owner of an excellent farm on section 26, Harlan township. Moreover he is entitled to representation in this volume as one of the native sons of the state, his birth having occurred in Henry county, Iowa, February 19, 1860. His parents, William C. and Emily (Johnson) Harlan, were natives of Indiana where they were reared and married, and in the year 1854 they took up their abode in Henry county, where the father turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid and enlisted from Henry county as a member of Company K, Twenty-fifth regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After doing active duty at the front for about two years he returned to Henry county and died soon afterward on the 27th of February, 1864, when he was thirty-two years of age. His widow afterward became the wife of William Burrows and they now reside at Gravity, Taylor county. By the first marriage there were four children: Nannie, the wife of A. M. Walker, of Nebraska township; Alice, the wife of N. J. Gardner, who is living in Texas; Mereb, the wife of W. W. Anderson, who is living at New Market,

Iowa; and J. K., of this review. By her second marriage there were three children.

No event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for J. K. Harlan in his boyhood and youth, which were spent in his native county where he continued to the age of twenty years. In the fall of 1880 he removed to Adair county and resided for one winter in Greenfield, but in March, 1881, went to Taylor county, where he started upon an independent business venture by renting a tract of land which he continued to cultivate for six years. He then came to Page county and again rented land and for the past six years has owned his present farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, Harlan township. The soil of Iowa is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor which are bestowed upon it. The unceasing effort and intelligently directed diligence of Mr. Harlan have made of his place a well improved farm. It is supplied with new buildings, is well fenced and a substantial annual income is enjoyed from the fact that both branches of his business—the raising of grain and the raising of stock, are proving profitable.

In his political views Mr. Harlan is a republican but does not seek nor desire office. He desires, however, that the best interests of the community may be conserved, and gives his cooperation to various movements for the public good. He was married September 16, 1889, to Miss Bertha Sheets, who was born in Indiana, July 8, 1862, and in her early girlhood came to Page county with her parents, Edwin and Elinor (Abbott) Sheets. The mother is now deceased and the father makes his home with his children. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan have one daughter, Arda E., at home.

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#### WILLIAM C. PHILLIPS, M. D.

Dr. William C. Phillips, actuated by strong purpose and high ideals in the work of his profession, has firmly established himself in public regard as a physician of ability and the confidence of the community is indicated in the liberal patronage extended him. Sure of himself and the ground which he occupies in all professional relations, he is continually studying along progressive lines to promote his efficiency and to achieve results which shall be enduring and of credit to the field of labor in which he is putting forth his efforts.

He is one of the native sons of Page county, born December 12, 1876, his parents being Rosiel F. and Sarah A. Phillips. The father was a contractor who came to Page county in 1873. His son was educated in the public schools until he had passed through consecutive grades and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1894. He began clerking in a drug store when his school days were ended and in 1897 he entered upon the course in pharmacy at the Northwestern University, becoming a registered pharmacist in March, 1898, while in 1899 he was graduated.

The same year he began the study of medicine and was graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Chicago with the class of 1903. From 1900 until 1902 he was the pharmacist in the United States public health and marine hospital service, both at Chicago and at Tampa, Florida, spending a year in the latter place. He then returned to Chicago and completed his medical course. His knowledge of pharmacy has been of the utmost value to him in his practice as a physician, for his previous preparation for the drug business gave him intimate knowledge of the properties of medicinal agencies and the effect produced under various health conditions. Following his graduation he served an internship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Chicago, where he remained until November, 1904, when he came to Clarinda and entered upon the general practice of medicine and surgery, in which field of labor he has since continued. He is competent and capable, conscientious and considerate. In the diagnosis of a case he is rarely, if ever, at fault and his judgment seldom errs in forecasting the outcome of disease.

Dr. Phillips belongs to the Page County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Association and the American Medical Association and through his connection with those organizations as well as by private reading and investigation, he keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the day. He is now secretary of the United States board of pension examiners, while in fraternal relations he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the blue lodge and Eastern Star of the Masonic fraternity. He is district lecturer for the Masonic grand lodge of Iowa in the twenty-first district. In manner he is courteous and genial and in all non-professional relations is signally modest but his salient qualities are of such sterling character as to make him popular among a large circle of friends in his adopted city.

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#### DAN J. DE LONG.

Among the residents of Clarinda whose former years of toil now make it possible for them to live in retirement in the enjoyment of well earned rest is Dan J. De Long. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 3d of October, 1839, a son of Joseph and Sarah C. (Blue) De Long, natives of Muskingum county, Ohio, and of Zanesville, Ohio, respectively. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Blue, were born in Pennsylvania. The father of our subject was a tanner by trade. His death occurred in 1852. A strong supporter of the democracy, he was recognized as an active and influential worker in the party ranks of the city where he resided. He was a Catholic in religious faith, while his wife was affiliated with the Methodist church. She passed away in New London, Iowa, where her father also died. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, namely: Emmons, who died in childhood; Dan J., of this review; Gilbert E., who passed away in Kansas; Mattie, the deceased wife of J. V. Chandler,

who has also passed away; Bernard A., residing in Nebraska; and Elizabeth, who died in Zanesville, Ohio.

Dan J. De Long accompanied his parents on their removal to Zanesville, where he acquired his education as a pupil in the parochial schools. He remained in that city until seventeen years of age, when he came to Iowa, settling in New London, where he taught school for some time. He also became identified with other interests and was occupied in various capacities until the outbreak of the Civil war. At the country's first call for troops he enlisted in April, 1861, as a member of Company F, First Iowa Infantry, for three months' service. At the close of this term of service he made a trip to the Pacific coast, his destination being the state of Oregon. He took with him four yoke of oxen to haul the provisions and walked the entire distance, the journey covering six months. He remained in Oregon about a year, during which period he taught school and also worked for several months for a steam navigation company, operating on the Columbia river. He also spent some time in Portland, following the carpenter's trade. The trip back to Iowa was made by the water route, returning by way of Central America. He made his way back to New London, where he taught school for a while, and then again enlisted in the Union army as a member of the First Iowa Battery. His second term covered a year and a half, being mustered out on the 5th of July, 1865. He saw much active service, participating in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain and many engagements about Atlanta, Jonesboro and Nashville.

When the country no longer required his services Mr. De Long returned to New London and from there removed to Hawleyville, Iowa, where he engaged in teaching school for three years. In 1868 he was elected to fill the office of county recorder and served in that capacity for about three years, when, in 1871, he made a second trip to Oregon, where he remained for several years. During this interval he was engaged in teaching school and also devoted much time to gardening, though he made a specialty of fruit-raising. For nine years, or from 1873 until 1882, he acted in the capacity of salesman in Oregon, and in the meantime made several visits to Iowa. In the latter year he arrived in Clarinda and became identified with the loan and abstract business in connection with a partner under the firm style of the Iowa Security Company. In 1884 he was compelled to dispose of his interest in the concern on account of ill health, and he has since lived retired in this city. He owns the home in which he now resides at 201 West Main street and is also in possession of six valuable lots and a two story brick store building on the public square.

In April, 1864, Mr. De Long was united in marriage in Henry county, Iowa, to Miss Emma McColley, whose parents came from Indiana to Iowa about 1839. She is well known and liked in Clarinda and is a lady of refinement and culture, holding membership in the Clarinda Reading Club and also in the Chautauqua Assembly. In politics Mr. De Long has given stalwart support to the republican party ever since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he has served as city clerk of Clarinda and also as county recorder. He has never sought nor desired office as a reward

and the government's policy of "one country, two systems" for Hong Kong and Macao. The government has also been successful in attracting foreign investment and technology, which has helped to modernize the economy. The government has also been successful in maintaining a stable political environment, which is a key factor in attracting investment. The government has also been successful in maintaining a low level of inflation, which is a key factor in maintaining a stable economy. The government has also been successful in maintaining a high level of employment, which is a key factor in maintaining a stable society. The government has also been successful in maintaining a high level of social stability, which is a key factor in maintaining a stable economy.

## THE CHINESE ECONOMY

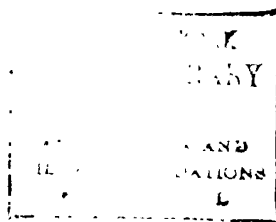
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to Red Oak, Iowa, where he formed a partnership with Smith McPherson under the style of McPherson & Scott, which existed until the fall of 1879. He then returned to Clarinda and in 1881 he entered the employ of N. B. Moore, an attorney with whom he remained until 1888. In 1892 he formed a partnership with H. E. Parslow under the firm style of Parslow & Scott and this existed until the fall of 1896, since which time Mr. Scott has been alone in the practice. A liberal clientage has been accorded him, connecting him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of the district. He is very careful and thorough in the preparation of cases and his arguments are characterized by logical deductions, by clear reasoning and forceful presentation.

On the 15th of March, 1899, Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Foster, a daughter of Charles W. and Ann Foster, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Scott is a member of the Masonic fraternity and gives loyal support to the democracy. He was an elector on the democratic ticket in 1876 but has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties which have been of an important character and have brought to him substantial and gratifying success.

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#### S. D. GILLESPIE.

The home farm of S. D. Gillespie is pleasantly situated on section 3, Tarkio township. The tract of land which he there owns is largely devoted to dairy interests and in that branch of his business he is meeting with very desirable success. A native of Carroll county, Illinois, he was born March 3, 1861, of the marriage of Thomas and Maria (Donaldson) Gillespie, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of the state of New York. The father came to the United States in the spring of 1850 as a young man and took up his abode in Carroll county, Illinois, where he was married, the lady of his choice having removed to that county with her parents in her girlhood days. They began their domestic life in Carroll county and continued to reside there until the spring of 1870, when Thomas Gillespie came to Page county, Iowa, and established his home on section 4, Tarkio township. There he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land and for thirty years was a well known and prominent representative of farming interests in that part of the state. His life was one of diligence and enterprise and he continued in active connection with agricultural pursuits here until about 1900, when he removed to Colorado Springs, Colorado. There he resided for six years, when failing health in the spring of 1906 caused him to return to Page county and he lived with his son S. D. Gillespie until his death, which occurred in the following September.

A lad of nine years at the time of his removal to Iowa, S. D. Gillespie has since remained in Page county, and he supplemented his education, begun in the public schools of Illinois, by further study in the public schools

of Iowa. During the periods of vacation he worked in the fields on the home farm and his training was of a very practical nature, acquainting him with the best time of plowing and planting and the best methods of cultivating his crops. The occupation to which he was reared proved congenial to him and was chosen by him as a life work. In 1887 he began farming for himself, cultivating a tract of rented land for two years, at the end of which time he made investment in one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Tarkio township. There he located and has since resided upon the place. In the past eight years he has made a specialty of dairy farming, milking about twenty cows. He has been quite successful in this work and the products of his dairy find a ready sale on the market. He annually gathers substantial harvests as well and the success which has come to him in his business has given him rating with the men of affluence in Tarkio township.

In 1889 Mr. Gillespie was married to Miss Maggie E. Gillespie, of Tarkio township, and their children are two in number, Vernard and Frank, both at home. Mr. Gillespie is a republican, whose allegiance to the party is manifest in unfaltering support of its candidates at each election. He has served on the school board for a number of years and does everything in his power to promote educational interests, but otherwise has never sought nor desired office. Fraternally he is connected with Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1897, M. W. A. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church in Shenandoah and they have many friends in that city and throughout the county.

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#### JOSEPH W. SELLARDS, M. D.

Dr. Joseph W. Sellards, successfully practicing his profession in Clarinda since 1901, his ability being manifest in the capable treatment of various important and intricate cases, was born in Ringgold county, Iowa, April 2, 1875. His parents were David F. and Mary A. (Foster) Sellards. The father was a physician and banker and began the practice of medicine in Ringgold county after the war. In the period of hostilities, when the north and south were arrayed against each other, fighting for principles in which each firmly believed, Dr. David F. Sellards espoused the Union cause and became a captain in the Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He saw arduous service at the front and returned much impaired in health. He then took up preparation for a life work and, determining upon the practice of medicine, he pursued a course in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in due time. He then entered upon active practice and gave to his fellowmen the benefit of his professional service until his life's labors were ended in death.

Reared in his father's home, Dr. Joseph W. Sellards attended the Mount Ayr high school, from which he was graduated in 1894. In 1896 he began the study of medicine, first pursuing a scientific course at Drake

University, believing that broad general knowledge was necessary as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning. He next entered the medical department of Drake University and was graduated in 1901. Soon after he began the practice of medicine at Clarinda, Iowa, where he has been in general practice continuously since. He is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society and thus keeps in touch with what the profession is doing as the work of investigation is carried forward and as experiment and experience broaden knowledge. For two terms he served as county physician and is now city health officer. He is also visiting physician of the Clarinda Hospital and enjoys a large private practice.

The 7th of January, 1904, witnessed the celebration of the marriage of Dr. Sellards and Miss Lena Plank of Clarinda, a daughter of John Plank. They have become the parents of two children: Gladys Fay and Violet. Socially the family is prominent, the hospitality of many of the best homes being freely extended them.

Dr. Sellards is interested and active in community affairs and is now serving as president of the Clarinda Military Band, has taken a deep interest in music and is acting as solo cornetist of the band. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Christian church and his exemplification of its teachings in his life.

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#### WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BLACK.

In the midst of a highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres constituting the southeastern quarter of section 14, Harlan township, there stands a beautiful residence—commodious and of modern style of architecture. It is surrounded by a well kept lawn and in the rear are good barns and outbuildings. These in turn are enclosed with richly developed fields that promise golden harvests in the autumn. The property presents a well kept, neat and attractive appearance and, therefore, indicates the careful supervision of its owner, William M. Black, who is one of the progressive agriculturists of the community. As he has a very wide acquaintance in this county his life record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in Hancock county, Illinois, March 19, 1859, his parents being James C. and Martha J. (Graham) Black, who eight years later removed to Page county where the son was reared to the occupation of farming. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and he worked with his father on the homestead farm until nineteen years of age when he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for five years. On the expiration of this period he was convinced that agriculture was a congenial and profitable occupation and he resumed the work of the fields, since which time he has given his energies to farming in all of its phases. He

has made live-stock dealing a feature of his buisness and since 1889 has given much attention to the breeding of high grade stock, making a specialty of Galloway cattle and Poland China hogs. He finds a ready sale on the market for his stock and his business is proving a very profitable one.

On the 28th of September, 1882, was celebrated the marriage of William M. Black and Miss Maggie M. McKee, a daughter of the Rev. David and Mary E. (Gregg) McKee. Mrs. Black was born in the city of Philadelphia, November 28, 1859, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children; Pearl Anna, the wife of William Dunn, of Omaha, Nebraska, by whom she has one child, William Harold; Eda Mary, the wife of Herbert Martin, of Harlan township; and James Guy, at home.

In 1902 Mr. Black sold the farm upon which he had resided for a number of years and purchased his present property comprising the southeastern quarter of section 14, Harlan township. This is one of the well improved farms of the community lacking in no modern accessory or equipment. In 1903 Mr. Black erected a fine residence of ten rooms and this is one of the beautiful country homes in his section of the county. He has also put up all of the outbuildings except the barn. In all of his work he is practical, overcoming difficulties and obstacles by diligence and perseverance. Both he and his wife are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church of Harlan township and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

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#### THEOPHILUS F. WILLIS.

The legal profession finds a well known and able representative in Theophilus F. Willis, who for twenty-nine years has practiced before the bar of Clarinda. He has lived in Iowa, however, since 1868, and in Page county since 1879, barring two absences, in which year he erected one of the first houses at Blanchard. He removed to this state from southern Illinois, having previously lived in Richview, Washington county. In 1868, however, he crossed the Mississippi and took up his abode at Villisca, after which various removals he at length came to Clarinda.

Mr. Willis is a native of White county, Illinois, his birth having occurred February 8, 1839. His parents were Benjamin F. and Matilda (Shipley) Willis, and the father, devoting his life to various pursuits, provided for his family in his work as a school teacher, farmer and merchant.

In the state of his nativity Theophilus F. Willis was reared, his early life being quietly passed in the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. He was a young man of about twenty-two years at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. In the period of political unrest which preceded the opening of hostilities he was a deep student of the condition of affairs and his patriotism was aroused by the threatening attitude of the south. It was therefore in response to the first call for troops to serve the Union that he enlisted, joining Company C of the Eleventh Illinois Volunteer In-

fantry as a private in May, 1861, in response to the call for men to serve for three months. He afterward reenlisted for three years, becoming a member of the Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he was assigned to duty with Company G. This regiment was known as the Normal Regiment, as it was composed of students and professors of the normal school, nearly all of whom enlisted. Mr. Willis was at that time a pupil in the normal and with his classmates and teachers joined the army and was chosen adjutant of his company. Becoming ill, however, he did not get to serve in that capacity but did not hesitate to go into the ranks and as a private served throughout the war. He participated in the battle and siege of Spanish Fort in the rear of Mobile, Alabama, and in many skirmishes and was also engaged in guarding the railroad in Louisiana. He continued at the front until the cessation of hostilities, and then did duty in the provost marshal's office, also in the adjutant general's office and in other clerical capacities. He was mustered out November 24, 1865, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, December 7, 1865. He has always maintained the deepest interest in his old army comrades and is a member of Warren Post, No. 11, G. A. R.

When the country no longer needed his military aid, Mr. Willis returned to his Illinois home, took up the study of law and after a careful and thorough preparation was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1868 before the supreme court. It was in the same year that he came to Iowa, locating at Villisca, where he opened an office and remained for two years. There he began the practice of law and after two years removed to Red Oak, where he continued until 1879. At that date he took up his abode in Blanchard, Page county, and followed his profession there for a decade, or until his removal to Clarinda. For twenty years he has now been engaged in general practice in this city and has made steady progress, his ability as an advocate and counselor being widely recognized, so that his clientage connects him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district. While his allegiance to his clients' interests is proverbial, he never forgets that he owes a still higher duty to the majesty of the law. He is always respectful to the court, never abusive of his adversaries, and wins his victories, which are many, and suffers his defeats, which are few, in the open field, face to face with his enemies. He is seldom if ever at error in presenting a point or in quoting a principle and he marshals his evidence with military precision so that he throws its full weight upon his opponent's weakest point. He is now the oldest legal practitioner in the county, having been admitted to the bar more than four decades ago. While in Montgomery county, living at Red Oak, he acted as city attorney and while in Villisca was postmaster. He was also twice mayor of the city of Blanchard, acted as justice of the peace and was likewise township trustee. He also served on the school board and was filling that position when the present fine brick city school building was erected.

Mr. Willis was married to Miss Clara Baker, of Fulton county, Illinois, a daughter of Robert N. Baker, who was a farmer by occupation.

Mrs. Willis was for years a capable and successful teacher and is now librarian of the public library. She has filled this position since the establishment of the library and has always taken a deep, active and helpful interest in public affairs and educational work. She is, moreover, a physician and pursued special courses in hygiene in St. Louis. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Willis was celebrated September 24, 1863, and has been blessed with three children: Maud, now the wife of J. J. Hoague, a retired farmer living in Blanchard; Cora, the wife of J. W. Johnson, a grain dealer residing in Edgeley, North Dakota; and B. Franklin, of Clarinda, who married Vita Luce, of Villisca, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Luce of Mount Ayr.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis are both widely known in Clarinda and Page county and in fact throughout southwestern Iowa. They are both people of broad intelligence, interested in the mental development of this part of the state and realizing at all times the value of any project calculated to promote the public good. Any movement which is worth while receives their endorsement and cooperation and the confidence reposed in their opinions makes their position upon any vital question one of influence and leadership.

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#### WILLIS F. STOTLER, M. D.

With thorough technical training and with deep interest in his profession from both the scientific and humanitarian standpoints, Dr. Willis F. Stotler is successfully practicing in Shenandoah as a physician and surgeon. He came to this city in 1904 and in the years which have since passed the public has given him a substantial recognition of its confidence in a large and growing practice.

He was born in Wayne county, Iowa, on the 10th of August, 1866, and is a son of Silas W. and Matilda (Koons) Stotler, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born in Knox county, while the mother's birth occurred in Defiance county, Ohio. It was in the latter county that they were married, and in 1866 they removed westward to Iowa, spending one year in Wayne county, while in 1867 they came to Page county. The father purchased land in East River township and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, carefully tilling the fields as the years went by until the winter of 1880-81, when at the age of forty-nine years he was called to his final rest. His political support was given to the republican party but he did not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His widow still survives at the age of sixty-seven years and resides in Shenandoah.

Dr. Stotler was reared on the old home farm in this county and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools he continued his education in the Western Normal College, under Professor Crone. In 1890 he took up the study of medicine under the direction of

Dr. F. E. Potter, of Clarinda, and in the fall of the same year entered the Louisville Medical College of Louisville, Kentucky, being graduated therefrom in the class of 1893. He then located for practice in Essex, where he enjoyed a goodly measure of success for eleven years, but, seeking a still broader field of labor, he came to Shenandoah in 1904 and has since been located here. Perhaps no physician in the county enjoys a larger practice and he has been called in many difficult cases wherein he has given substantial proof of his ability as a physician and surgeon. He has been a close and discriminating student of the science of medicine, keeping in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and adopting without delay those methods of practice which his judgment sanctions as of value in his chosen life work. He belongs to the Page county, the Iowa State, the Missouri Valley and the American Medical Associations.

On the 10th of May, 1894, Dr. Stotler was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Frink, a daughter of the Hon. O. H. Frink, present mayor of Shenandoah. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Stotler have been born three children: Mildred Ione, Willis Frederick and Donald Charles.

Dr. Stotler is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M., both of Shenandoah; and Bruce Commandery, K. T., of Red Oak, Iowa. He is also connected with Juniata Lodge, No. 295, K. P., and Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., while both he and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church. They are much esteemed in Shenandoah and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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#### GEORGE I. MILLER.

George I. Miller, attorney at law of Clarinda, where he has resided continuously since 1880, came to this city from Indiana county, Pennsylvania. It was there that his birth occurred January 13, 1860, his parents being John I. and Mary C. (Keener) Miller, the former a farmer by occupation.

In his youthful days George I. Miller became familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he spent the period of his minority upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the public schools and at Elder's Ridge Academy at Elder's Ridge, Pennsylvania. He was a young man of twenty years when, thinking that he might have better business opportunities in the west, he came to Iowa and for twenty-nine years has now made his home in Clarinda. He taught school in both Pennsylvania and Iowa. For a time he was employed in the postoffice at Clarinda and later was connected with banking interests at Newmarket for two years. Subsequently he took a full course in law at Northwestern University of Chicago, graduating from that institution in 1891, with degree of B. L., and also securing from said college a prize of fifty dollars in gold offered for the best thesis on a legal subject by any



member of the senior class of the university. In 1890 he passed examination before the supreme court of Illinois and was then admitted to practice law in that state.

In 1891 Mr. Miller was admitted to the bar in Iowa, at which time he opened an office in Clarinda, where he has since engaged in the general practice of law. He does not fear that laborious attention to his cases which constitutes the office work and must always precede the successful presentation of a case before the courts. In argument he is sound, his deductions being logical, while his points are clearly and cogently presented. In the line of his profession he did good work as county attorney, to which position he was elected in 1906, serving for two years. He was also township clerk for six years and has been school director. In these various positions he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, his course being creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. In politics he is an earnest republican, staunchly advocating the party principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is therefore competent to support his position by intelligent arguments.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Miller was married in 1890 to Miss Jennie E. Welch, of Clarinda, a daughter of J. C. Welch, a well known stockman of this city. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Howard L., Eunice and Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the First Presbyterian church and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Woodmen of the World. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the west in early manhood for he has here found the opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, energetic young men. The field of labor is limitless here and adaptability will enable an individual to find that which is best suited to his powers and his talents. Mr. Miller has made wise choice of a profession and his labors therein are bringing him continuous advancement.

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#### STACY DOUTHIT.

Stacy Douthit has from his youthful days been a resident of Page county, residing continuously in Nodaway township. He is today the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred acres on sections 11 and 14, the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicating his practical methods and careful supervision. He was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1852, being the third in order of birth in a family of eleven children, whose parents were Nathan Wilkins and Sarah (Baty) Douthit, who were likewise natives of Indiana county, Pennsylvania. They were farming people of the Keystone state and resided in the county of their nativity until about 1869 when they removed westward and became residents of Page county, Iowa. For a considerable period the father con-

tinued to engage in general agricultural pursuits but at length retired from active life and spent his last ten years in Clarinda where his wife also passed away. They were active members of the United Presbyterian church of Clarinda and earnest, consistent Christian people who enjoyed in large measure the confidence and esteem of all who knew them. Their children were as follows: Agnes L., who is the widow of Robert Fulton, who conducted the county farm which Mrs. Fulton has continued to manage since the death of her husband now two years ago; R. P., living in Nodaway township; Stacy, of this review; A. S., whose home is in Cushion, Nebraska; Anson, deceased; Mary C., the wife of Joseph Pfander, of Clarinda; Harry, who died at the age of twenty years; Adrian, who is living in Fullerton, Nebraska; Rufus, who is located at Guide Rock, Nebraska; Elsie Belle, the widow of R. George; and J. Q., who is a merchant of Clarinda.

Stacy Douthit spent the first seventeen years of his life on the farm where his birth occurred and then accompanied his parents on their removal westward, the family home being established on a farm three miles north of Clarinda. He has continued to reside in Nodaway township to the present time and has been engaged in farming throughout his entire life. He was early trained to the work of the fields and annually harvests good crops as the reward for the care and labor which he now bestows upon his own land. He is today the owner of two hundred acres constituting a valuable farm of Page county, situated on sections 11 and 14, Nodaway township. The buildings upon the place were all erected by him and stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and his spirit of persistent purpose and undaunted energy enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In 1878 Mr. Douthit was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Pfander, who was born in Page county about a mile east of his present home on the 30th of May, 1859. She has always resided in this township, spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, Abram and Elizabeth Ann (Caldwell) Pfander, the former born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1832, and the latter in Darke county, Ohio, March 18, 1834. They were married in the Buckeye state and, coming westward to Iowa at an early day, cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this part of the state. The father now resides in Clarinda but the mother died in 1905. They were the parents of five children: J. V. and C. F., who are residents of Clarinda; Mrs. Douthit; W. H., living near Sharpsburg, in Taylor county, Iowa; and Phoebe C., who died at the age of sixteen years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Douthit have been born five children: Perry V., living in Clarinda; William S., at home; Roy, who died at the age of one year; Pearlle, who died when a year old; and Rufus, who is attending school in Clarinda. Mr. and Mrs. Douthit are well known in Nodaway township where they have long resided, their circle of friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Douthit gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is well informed on the

questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office. He feels that his time and attention are fully occupied with his business affairs and he is recognized as a progressive farmer, whose labors are bringing him substantial and well merited success.

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### JAMES H. DUNLAP.

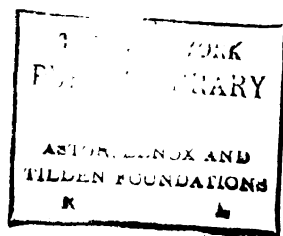
James H. Dunlap is postmaster of Clarinda and for many years was one of the most successful and leading merchants of the city. He is now seventy-two years of age and his life record has been one of signal usefulness and, moreover, proves that success is ambition's answer. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dunlap was born in Butler county, on the 11th of October, 1837, a son of Robert and Catherine Dunlap. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1852 removed to Fulton county, Indiana, where he carried on farming until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife had died eight years previously.

Their son, James H. Dunlap, was a youth of but thirteen years at the time of the removal of the family from Pennsylvania to Indiana. His education was acquired in the public schools of both states and to his father he gave the benefit of his services until he reached the age of twenty-two years when, in response to the country's call for aid in crushing out the rebellion in the south, he joined the boys in blue, enlisting as a member of Company D, Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He became a private of that command in August, 1861, and continued with the regiment until April, 1863, when he was honorably discharged on account of a gunshot wound in the right hand, at Stone River, which permanently disabled him. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the engagement at Stone River and in numerous skirmishes with his regiment, being on active duty the entire time until he was wounded in April. He had been promoted to the rank of sergeant in recognition of his bravery and loyalty and he never faltered in the performance of any duty that devolved upon him during his military service.

When he was no longer fit for active field duty Mr. Dunlap returned to Indiana and again resumed the occupation of farming, with which he was connected until the fall of 1864. In February of the following year he arrived in Clarinda and began freighting from this point to St. Joseph, Missouri, continuing in the business until 1870. On that date he secured a clerkship in a hardware store, where he remained for four years, during which time his industry and careful expenditure enabled him to accumulate sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account. He formed a partnership with Charles Lyman and established a hardware business under the firm style of Dunlap & Lyman. This relation was maintained for two years, when Mr. Lyman sold out to John M. Miller and the firm style was then changed to Dunlap, Miller & Foster. This existed for about five years, when another change in the partnership occurred, resulting in the



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assumption of the firm name of Dunlap & Carlile Brothers. It was not long, however, until Mr. Dunlap purchased the interests of Carlile Brothers and later he admitted William M. Alexander and G. F. Shaw of Clarinda to a partnership. When two years had passed Messrs. Alexander and Shaw sold out to H. C. Beckwith, at which time the firm of Dunlap & Beckwith was adopted. They continued together for about two years when again Mr. Dunlap became sole proprietor but soon admitted his nephew, S. E. Sperry, to a partnership under the style of Dunlap & Company. He remained an active factor in the trade until 1907, when he disposed of his interests to Mr. Sperry and retired from active business life. For about three decades Mr. Dunlap had been closely associated with the commercial interests of the city, maintaining a foremost place in the ranks of its leading merchants. Throughout the entire period the store was located on the south side of the square. There Mr. Dunlap built a two story brick block, twenty-four by one hundred and forty feet, which he erected in 1893. He achieved such a goodly measure of success that his methods are of interest to the commercial world and in an analyzation of his life work it will be found that he based his business principles and actions upon the rules which govern industry and strict integrity.

While closely and prominently associated with commercial interests Mr. Dunlap was connected in equally helpful ways with the public interests of Clarinda. He has served as trustee of the city and as a member of the school board. He was appointed postmaster in 1902 and again in 1907 by President Roosevelt and is now acting in that capacity. He was also appointed by Governor Frank O. Jackson, a trustee for the Clarinda Hospital for the Insane and served for six years. His devotion to the general good has been marked and whether in office or out of it he has always been most loyal to the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted city.

In 1872 occurred the marriage of Mr. Dunlap and Miss Angeline M. Moore, of California, Missouri, a native of Fulton county, Indiana, where they had been schoolmates together. Mrs. Dunlap is a daughter of William and Sarah Moore, who were farming people of the Hoosier state. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are: Alfa, the wife of Willard Yapple, of Oklahoma; Robert E., a practicing physician of Portland, Oregon; William C., a farmer living at McCredie, Missouri; and Daisy S., who married Edward C. Allison, a pharmacist of Atlantic, Iowa.

Mr. Dunlap maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Warren Post, No. 11, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander. He is also a master Mason and he holds membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. He is a thorough exemplification of the typical American business man and gentleman and though he has been known as one of the most enterprising and progressive merchants of Clarinda, his time being largely occupied with the management of an important and growing commercial enterprise, he has always found time and opportunity to devote to those of his friends whose calls were purely of a social character. He is now proving himself capable as

postmaster, giving a public-spirited administration of the affairs of the office and at all times doing his full share in promoting public progress, whether through official connection or otherwise. Each interest with which he becomes associated feels the stimulus of his indefatigable energy and progressive spirit.

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BENJAMIN B. WELCH.

Benjamin B. Welch, who has but recently rounded out the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, is still numbered among the active and progressive agriculturists of Nebraska township. He dates his residence in Page county from 1872, or for a period of thirty-seven years, and during the entire period he has been known as a leading representative of agricultural interests. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, November 20, 1838, and is a son of Benjamin and Julia N. (Rawlings) Welch, who were also born in Hampshire county, Virginia. After the removal of their son to the west they, too, made their way to Sullivan county, Missouri, and the mother died there. The father was a son of Isaac and Mary (Ayers) Welch, natives of Ireland and of Turkey respectively. The former served for several years as a valiant defender of colonial interests in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Benjamin and Julia (Newcomb) Rawlings, who were likewise natives of the Old Dominion and the former served for several years as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. In the family of Benjamin and Julia N. (Rawlings) Welch there were eight children: Sarah married William Welch, who though of the same name was not a relative, and they now reside in Washington county, Iowa. Sylvester, the second of the name, died in Kansas. Dempsey died in Kansas in 1908. Mary C. is the wife of Hiram Smith, a resident of Culbertson, Nebraska. Katharine became the wife of Henry Smith, a brother of Hiram Smith, and is now deceased. William died in Page county. Benjamin B. is the next of the family. America is the widow of A. J. Bailey, a resident of Furnas county, Nebraska.

The youthful days of our subject were quietly passed on the home farm with his parents in Hampshire county, Virginia, to the age of eighteen years, when the family started westward and in 1856 arrived in Keokuk county, Iowa. In that locality Benjamin B. Welch remained until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Sullivan county, Missouri, where he was married and began his domestic life. He engaged in farming in Missouri until 1872, when he came to Page county and took up his abode on section 35, Nebraska township, where he has resided continuously since. He is now the owner of fifty acres of land, having disposed of the remainder of his farm to his son, B. L. Welch. He has long carried on general agricultural pursuits, carefully tilling his fields so that good harvests are gathered, while all the work upon his place is conducted along modern and progressive lines.

In 1860 Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Miss Maria E. Lampton, who was born in Kentucky, December 17, 1845, and in her infancy was taken to Missouri by her parents, John and Ann (Bruce) Lampton, who were natives of the Blue Grass state. They spent their last days in Putnam county, Missouri, and it was there that Mrs. Welch lived until her marriage.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Welch have been born five children: Julia, now the wife of Philip Weaver, of Nebraska township; Mary at home; Benjamin L., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Nora, the wife of J. W. Martindale, of Clarinda; and Ermina, the wife of Ralph Hafer, of Idaho.

The home farm of the family is on the East Nodaway river and when Mr. Welch took possession of the place it was located in the midst of heavy timber, but as settlements increased the trees have been cut down and the work of improvement carried forward until the entire countryside is under cultivation. Mr. Welch has borne his full share in the work of general improvement and progress, his influence being always given on the side of advancement and upbuilding. In politics he is a stanch democrat and, while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he does not seek nor desire office. His work has been that of an energetic farmer who realizes that the true secret of success lies in earnest labor and close application.

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#### J. FRANK ALDRICH, M. D.

Dr. J. Frank Aldrich, physician and surgeon, who in his practice has made a specialty of the treatment of tuberculosis and nervous diseases, enjoys a wide reputation for the knowledge and skill which he has displayed in those lines. He was born in Union county, near Creston, Iowa, on the 24th of January, 1873, and is a son of Charles and Roxa (Caldwell) Aldrich, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Dr. Aldrich was but three years old when his parents removed to a farm in Fremont county, Iowa, so that his early education was acquired in the district schools there until his fourteenth year, when he entered the Western Normal College. He completed his course in that institution with the class of 1891, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. He engaged in teaching school for one year but desiring to make other professional labor his life work, in the fall of 1894 he entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago. During the periods of vacation he continued his reading in the office and under the direction of Dr. T. L. Putman, of Shenandoah, and following his graduation from the Rush Medical College with the class of 1897 he opened an office in Murray, Iowa, where he practiced with good success for seven years. He then sold his practice in that place and after about a year spent in the southwest, where he devoted his time largely to the study of tuberculosis, came to Shenandoah in 1905 and entered into partnership with Dr. Putman, with whom he has since been associated as an active follower of his profession. He makes a specialty of tuberculosis,



nervous diseases and internal medicine, and in these various lines has accomplished splendid results. On coming to Shenandoah he was instrumental in having tents established in the town that he might there treat tuberculosis patients and was very active in furthering the movement which resulted in the building of a state sanitarium for the care of tuberculosis patients. His work in this connection has made him known all over the United States and it is justly rated as an advance step in the scientific method of meeting the white plague. He is now examiner for this district for the state tuberculosis sanitarium and he keeps in touch with the advance of the profession along other lines through private reading and study and through the interchange of thought and experiences with the members of the Page County Medical Society, the Missouri Valley Medical Society, the Southwestern Iowa Medical Society and the American Medical Association, with all of which he is connected.

In more specifically social lines Dr. Aldrich is associated with Nishna Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Shenandoah Lodge No. 1122, B. P. O. E., the Woodmen of the World and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Aldrich was married in 1897 to Miss Fannie McGogy, of Shenandoah, and they have two children, Lester E. and Katheryn. Dr. Aldrich is a man of genial, social nature and in his profession is actuated by ideals far beyond the mere purpose of attaining success.

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#### WILLIAM ORR.

There are found many men whose industry has won them success—men who by their perseverance and diligence execute well defined plans which others have made—but the men who take the initiative are comparatively few. The vast majority do not see opportunity for the coordination of forces and the development of new, extensive and profitable enterprises and, therefore, must follow along paths which others have marked out. While William Orr is perhaps best known as an able and successful lawyer, he has done much to develop the industrial and commercial interests of Clarinda, for the initiative spirit is strong within him and, realizing the possibility for the combination of forces, he has wrought along the line of large undertakings, becoming closely associated with the enterprise and upbuilding of his adopted city.

He is native of New York and a son of William and Mary A. (Lynn) Orr. The father was a boss weaver and came to Iowa in 1867, locating about three miles north of College Springs, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life, his death there occurring in 1884. He was active in local affairs for the good of the community and from time to time held nearly all of the offices in the township. Both he and his wife were natives of Scotland and soon after their marriage decided to come to America. He had learned his trade in his native land and followed it

to some extent in the new world but finally gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His widow still survives at the very advanced age of ninety-four years and is now living in Clarinda.

William Orr pursued his education in the common schools and at College Springs, where he attended Amity College. Later he studied law in the State University at Iowa City and was graduated from the law department with the class of 1879. He also pursued a year's post-graduate course and in the fall of 1880 he came to Clarinda and entered the law office of W. P. Hepburn, many years congressman from this district. In December, of the same year, however, because of illness he was forced to give up practice and in 1882-3 engaged in teaching school. In 1884 he began merchandising in Clarinda but in a short time sold out and in 1885 resumed his law practice. He continued alone in the prosecution of his profession until 1906, when he admitted W. A. Turner to a partnership and is now practicing as senior partner of the firm of Orr & Turner. His ability as a lawyer has long been recognized, placing him with those who are foremost in Page county in the interpretation and application of the law. He sees with clear discernment and readiness the relation of a legal principle to the points at issue and in the presentation of his cases his deductions follow in logical sequence.

Mr. Orr is equally well known in other business connections. In 1904 he was one of the organizers of the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank, which was capitalized at seventy-five thousand dollars, and is still its president. He is also the president of the Lee Electric Light Company and was one of its original directors. He is the treasurer of the Lisle Manufacturing Company of Clarinda and has an interest in nearly all of the manufacturing enterprises and the public affairs of the city. In business matters his judgment is sound, his discernment keen and his enterprise unfaltering and his cooperation is therefore eagerly sought by those who recognize that his opinions are a valuable asset in business concerns. In connection with Mr. Richardson he has laid out two additions to the city—an Orr addition and a Richardson, which are the only successful additions laid out in recent years.

Aside from business Mr. Orr has been equally prominent and his labors equally effective in promoting affairs of moment. He was one of the organizers of the Christian church in Clarinda, was made superintendent of its Sunday school in 1880 and continued to act in that capacity until 1908, when he would no longer accept, resigning his position after twenty-eight years' service. He was also one of the organizers of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly and has been its president for eight years at various times and as a director until 1907. He was also chairman of the building committee that erected the handsome buildings which the assembly now owns and occupies. He was the attorney for Clarinda at the time the streets of the city were paved, has served as a member of the school board, is now a member of its public library board and of its building committee. He was for three terms the president of the twelfth district Iowa Christian Endeavor Union, having been elected four times, resigning after his last

election, and in church work he has ever been an active, interested and effective leader, his labors being especially valuable in the upbuilding of the Christian church. He was superintendent of the good citizenship committee of the Iowa Christian Endeavor Union and was afterwards elected president of the union. He belongs also to the Iowa State Sunday School Association, was a member of its executive committee for many years and for a long time was secretary of the committee. He was the president of the only Young Men's Christian Association that existed in Clarinda and he has been a member of the board of trustees of Amity College. His labors in behalf of public progress in the various lines of intellectual, material and moral development have been far-reaching and beneficial, his activities being so varied and important as to cause him to be recognized as one of the foremost citizens of Clarinda. What he has accomplished, however, represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents and the recognition of his opportunities. He has been instrumental in promoting various business concerns which have been of vital force in the upbuilding and development of the city and more than that he has never been neglectful of his duties and obligations in relation to the moral progress of the community but has sought by precept and example to instill into the minds of the young and others with whom he has come in contact the principles that work for development of upright character.

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#### M. B. WALKER.

M. B. Walker is the manager of the Coldbrook Stock Farm, which is owned by W. C. Brown, the president of the New York Central Railroad. It is a farm of four hundred acres on the Wall Street road two miles north of Clarinda and under the capable direction of Mr. Walker has become one of the leading stock farms in this part of the state. A native of Iowa, he was born at Maquoketa, on the 20th of September, 1880, and there resided until he came to his present place of residence. He was the elder of two sons, his parents being Eben N. and Eva M. (Hall) Walker. The father was a native of Little Falls, New York, born in 1850 and in 1854 he came to Iowa with his parents, spending the remainder of his life on the farm where his parents first settled on casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of the state. Having arrived at years of maturity, Eben N. Walker was married to Miss Eva M. Hall, who was born in Jones county, Iowa, in 1859, and unto them were born two sons, the younger being Harold S., who is now a train dispatcher for the Big Four Railroad Company at Danville, Illinois.

The usual experiences of the farm lad came to M. B. Walker in the days of his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools. He was graduated from the high school of Maquoketa with the class of 1898 and for three winter terms engaged in teaching school but the remainder of

his time was devoted to general farming and stock-raising upon the old home place. On leaving there he came to the Coldbrook Stock Farm which is the property of W. C. Brown, a cousin of his father, and he and Mr. Brown own the live stock jointly. The farm is an extensive and valuable tract of land of four hundred acres, pleasantly and conveniently situated two miles north of Clarinda. There he pays special attention to the breeding and raising of registered Angus cattle, having about sixty head in the herd. He also pastures and feeds two or three carloads of steers each year and he raises Percheron and standard bred horses. He likewise cultivates various cereals and his entire time is devoted to the farm on which he has lived for four years.

On the 10th of January, 1906, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Edna A. Dunn, who was born in Bellevue, Iowa, October 22, 1879, and is a daughter of M. S. and Mina (Collins) Dunn. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are well known in their locality, occupying a prominent position in social circles and the business capacity and enterprise of Mr. Walker have enabled him to maintain an attractive home supplied with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

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#### EZRA P. HARDEE.

Ezra P. Hardee, owning and operating a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred and thirty acres on sections 1, 2, and 11, Buchanan township, Page county, was born on this place on the 26th of September, 1861. He was the youngest son of William M. and Elizabeth (Farley) Hardee. His paternal grandfather, John Hardee, was a native of Dinwiddie county, Virginia, and came of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock. He served for six years and nine months as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and was also present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. William M. Hardee, the father of our subject, whose birth occurred in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1815, took up his abode in Buchanan township, Page county, Iowa, in 1842, being the third white settler in the county and the father of the first white child born in the county—Perry Hardee. As the years passed he became widely recognized as a most successful and enterprising agriculturist and also became prominent in public affairs, holding the office of township trustee for many years. He likewise served as captain of the militia. He passed away on the 29th of May, 1902, having for more than ten years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest on the 31st of January, 1892.

Ezra P. Hardee remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, attending the district schools during the winter months and giving his father the benefit of his services in the cultivation of the old homestead farm during the summer seasons. In 1884 he drove one hundred and forty head of cattle to Wyoming, returning home in the fall of the same year. He has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits

throughout his entire business career and, with the exception of a period of two years which he spent in Wyoming, has always resided on the old family homestead in Buchanan township. It was in 1895 that he went to Sheridan, Wyoming, purchasing and locating on a ranch of one hundred and sixty acres but, not finding the country to his liking, he disposed of his property there and returned to Page county at the end of a couple of years. His holdings now embrace two hundred and thirty acres of rolling, well watered land in Buchanan township, in which tract is included ten acres of fine timber and the old homestead farm where his father lived for more than a half century. The property is equipped with all of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century, and in his general agricultural interests Mr. Hardee is meeting with a well earned and creditable measure of prosperity.

Mr. Hardee has been married twice. On the 6th of March, 1884, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Nancy Jane Adams, a daughter of John Quincy and Jane (Kent) Adams, by whom he had seven children, six of whom still survive, namely: Otis, who lives near Spokane, Washington; William Quincy, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; and Inez, Orpha, Nola and Emery, aged nineteen, fifteen, thirteen and nine years respectively, all of whom are at home. Sylvester App died on the 24th of April, 1905, at the age of thirteen years, one month and twenty-nine days. The wife and mother passed away on the 25th of April, 1904, and on the 30th of August, 1906, Mr. Hardee was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary L. Martin, a daughter of James Martin, of Andrew county, Missouri. Unto them has been born one son, Estes, now two years of age.

In his political views, Mr. Hardee is a stalwart democrat and at the present time is capably serving as township trustee and also as a member of the township school board. Fraternally he is identified with Plumm Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M., at Siam, Iowa, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. The name of Hardee has figured in the annals of Page county from the period of its earliest development to the present time, and Ezra P. Hardee is well entitled to mention in this volume as one of its representative citizens and worthy native sons.

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#### HENRY SUNDERMAN.

Henry Sunderman, deceased, who was one of the most prosperous farmers and highly respected citizens of Douglas township and, in fact, of this part of the state, was born in Germany, October 14, 1834. He came to America with his parents when but six years of age and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, when he removed westward, arriving in Page county in 1858. Southwestern Iowa was at that time largely an unimproved district and he entered land here, upon which his widow now resides. He then began the development of a farm, making good improvements of a pioneer character thereon, and the log house he

erected stood on the site of the present residence. There was an old Indian trail passing through his yard and Clarinda contained but three log cabins. In those early days he hauled his grain to St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Sunderman continued the work of cultivating his place until the winter of 1864, when he returned to Indiana and was united in marriage to Miss Sophia L. Fosbrink, who was born in that state on the 15th of February, 1844. She was a daughter of John H. and Catherine A. (Steltenpohl) Fosbrink, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1839, locating in Maryland, where they lived for a year, after which they removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where they spent three years. On the expiration of that period they became residents of Indiana and Mr. Fosbrink entered government land, securing one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson county. The tract was entirely covered with timber and in the midst of the place he built a log cabin and hewed out a farm, continuing his residence in the same county until his death. There he carefully and successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the well known farmers of the community. His wife died in 1871, while Mr. Fosbrink survived until the 15th of April, 1877, when he too, was called to his final rest. In their family were eleven children, of whom six are still living.

Following his marriage Mr. Sunderman came with his bride to Page county, where he lived until his death. At the time of his marriage there was a small log cabin upon his place, but as the years passed and his financial resources increased he wrought a great change in the appearance of his farm. Upon it he built a fine house and good outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, while in the fields he used the latest improved machinery to facilitate his work. He also planted a fine grove of trees and made his place one of the model farms of the county. As he prospered in his undertakings he kept adding to his land from time to time until he became the owner of over thirteen hundred acres, having that amount in his possession at the time of his demise. Of this Mrs. Sunderman still retains four hundred and forty acres, constituting the farm upon which she now resides. The remainder of the land she divided among her children, who were thus comfortably situated in life.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sunderman were born eight children: John K., now a resident of Fort Morgan, Colorado; Katie, the wife of Charles Williams, living in Nodaway township; George H., deceased; Hannah, the wife of William H. Endebrock, who resides in Jackson county, Indiana; William H., deceased; Rosena, the wife of William Mascher, deceased; Alvina A., the wife of Fred Roberts, living on her mother's farm; and Henry J., also a resident of Douglas township. Mrs. Sunderman now has twenty-two living grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sunderman were members of the German Lutheran church, in the work of which she is still taking an active part. In his political views Mr. Sunderman was a stalwart republican, always keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day and giving stanch support to the principles of the party. He served as township trustee, but was

never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He passed away on the 9th of February, 1905, and his remains were laid to rest in the German Lutheran cemetery in Nodaway township. He was a successful man, who owed his financial advancement to his own well directed efforts, business ability and unfaltering determination. Moreover, he was at all times loyal to his principles and to the teachings of the church to which he was affiliated and in his life he exemplified many of the sterling traits of the reliable citizen, the faithful friend and the devoted husband and father.

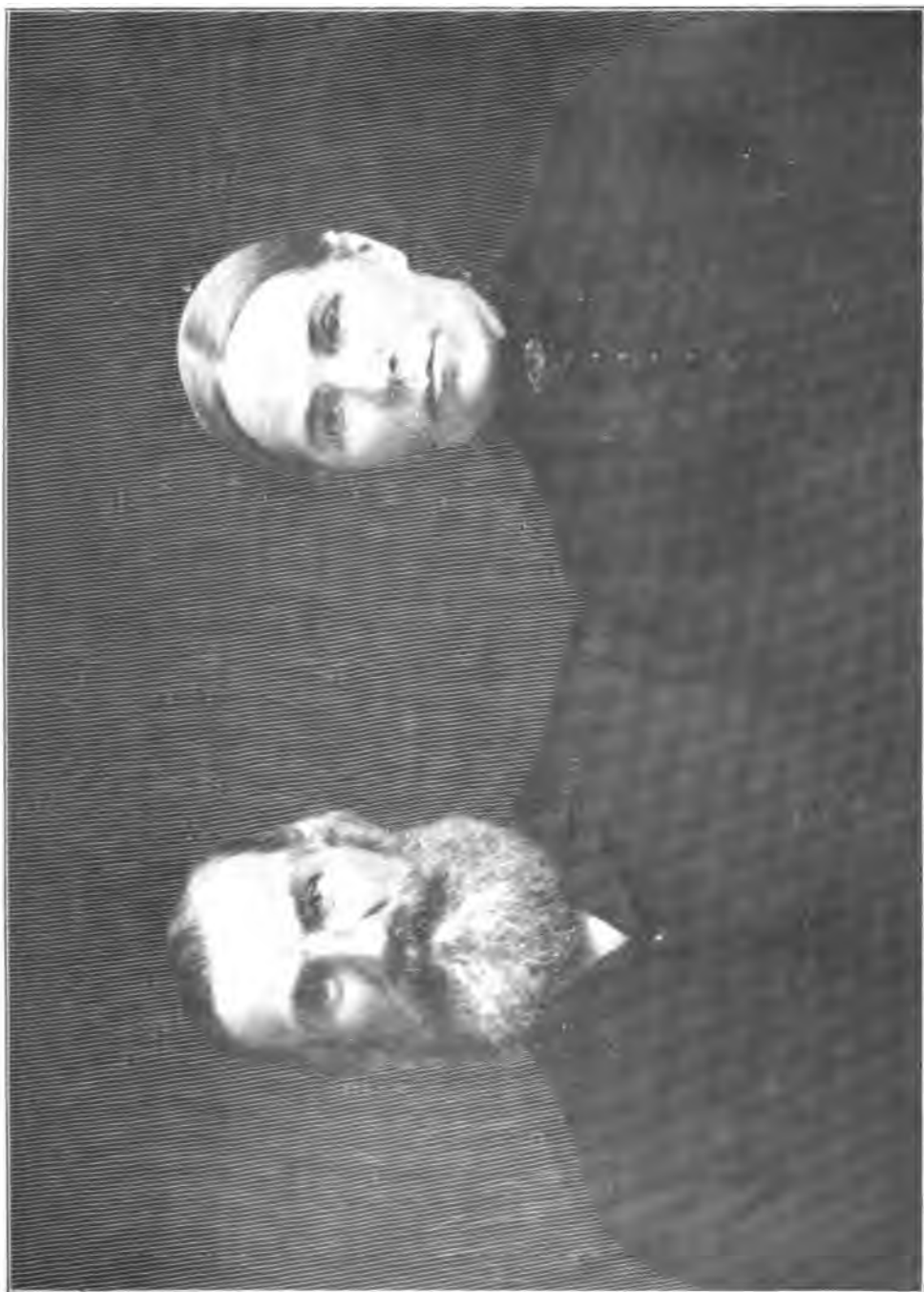
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### JOHN WILLIAMS.

John Williams, who is now living retired, was formerly actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Page county for many years, and is still the owner of six hundred acres of rich and arable land in Valley and Douglas townships. His birth occurred in County Cornwall, England, on the 16th of November, 1827, his parents being James and Millicent (Oats) Williams, who spent their entire lives in that country. They reared four children but John Williams of this review is now the only surviving member of the family. He obtained a good practical education in the schools of his native land and continued a resident of the "merrie isle" until 1866, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first taking up his abode in Wisconsin. He was there engaged in the operation of a rented tract of land for four years and on the expiration of that period came to Page county, Iowa, purchasing the farm which has continued his place of residence to the present time. He brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement and as the years went by his well directed and untiring labors as an agriculturist resulted in the attainment of a gratifying measure of prosperity. His property, comprising six hundred acres of productive and valuable land in Valley township, is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and enterprise, for it has all been accumulated by him since he landed on the shores of the new world. He has now put aside the active work of the fields and is living retired on his farm, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil.

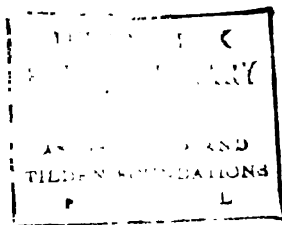
As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Williams chose Miss Amy Rogers, their marriage being celebrated in England. Their union has been blessed with eight children, namely: William J. and James C., who are residents of Page county; Mary A., who is now deceased; Emma J., the wife of Ezra Fleenor, of this county; Carrie A., the wife of Edward Bolen, of Valley township; Charles A., residing in Nodaway township; Ernest R., who makes his home in this county; and Minnie, who resides on the home farm with her husband, Frank McNeal. They have two children, Amy E. and Edith May.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the United Brethren church, of which he has served as trustee and has filled other church offices. He casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican



MR. AND MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS





party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on the journey of life and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has at all times been honorable and upright.

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### CHARLES W. STUART.

Charles W. Stuart is filling the position of justice of the peace in Clarinda and for seven years has efficiently served as city clerk. He regards a public office as a public trust—and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He is prompt and faithful in the execution of all of the duties that devolve upon him in these connections and that his work receives general endorsement is indicated in the fact of his continued incumbency. A native of central Pennsylvania, he was only two years old when the family removed to Virginia. His parents were David O. and Mary A. (Spiece) Stuart. The father was a minister of the Methodist church, devoting his life to the work of preaching the gospel in Virginia until 1865, when he removed westward to Iowa, settling in Warren county.

Charles W. Stuart was reared in the Old Dominion, pursuing his education in the schools of Morgantown, Virginia, and his liberal education enabled him to become a successful teacher. He taught school in Iowa and Nebraska from 1866 until 1874 and in the latter year, having been ordained to the ministry of the Methodist church, he entered upon active connection with the church work in a pastoral capacity. During this time he also studied law and in 1886 was admitted to the Iowa bar. In 1892 he came to Clarinda, where he has since engaged in general practice. He is a thorough and discriminating student with comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and his ability is such as to merit the clientage that is accorded him and the important character of his professional work. In 1892 he was elected justice of the peace and again in 1902 and has since served as justice and notary public. He has also been city clerk for the past seven years, filling the position most acceptably. Over his official record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil and that he has the endorsement of the general public is indicated in the fact of his reelection.

In 1875 Mr. Stuart was married to Miss Mary Jones, of Columbus, Nebraska, and they now have four children: Seba, now the wife of Lewis Steeve, a farmer of Page county; James T., a traveling salesman; Anna, at home; and Maud, the wife of Victor Hull, a resident farmer of Page county. They also lost one daughter, Kittie, who became the wife of William F. Stipe, an attorney practicing in Clarinda.

Mr. Stuart is entitled to wear the Grand Army button, for in 1863 he joined the First Regiment of Virginia Independent State Troops and served

for over a year. In politics he has long been a republican, active in its local ranks, while fraternally he is a Mason. His life is in harmony with the teachings of the craft for he is a firm believer in its principles of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

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#### FRED BAUMGARTEN.

Among the citizens of Page county of foreign birth, who are now numbered among the most loyal and representative residents of this locality, is Fred Baumgarten, who was born in Brandenburg, Prussia, Germany, September 17, 1862. He was the only child of Frederick and Sophia (Shultz) Baumgarten, who were likewise natives of Germany, the father having been born in Mecklenburg in 1825, while the mother's birth occurred in Prussia on the 14th of March, 1838. By a former marriage Frederick Baumgarten had a daughter, Marion Mary, who is now the widow of William Meyers and lives in Oklahoma. For his second wife he chose Sophia Shultz and they remained residents of the fatherland until the spring of 1870, when they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and after a brief period spent in Chicago came to Page county, Iowa, in July of the same year. The father first rented land in Douglas township and there carried on general farming for two years, after which he purchased forty acres of the farm upon which his son Fred now resides. His remaining days were devoted to general agricultural pursuits and in the later years of his life he retired from the active work of the farm, which was taken up by his son. He died May 8, 1906, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, while his widow still survives and now resides with the subject of this review.

Fred Baumgarten was only seven years of age when, in the spring of 1870, he was brought by his parents to the new world and had not yet reached the eighth anniversary of his birth when the family arrived in Page county. Having lived for two years upon a rented farm in Douglas township they took up their abode upon the farm which has since been the home of Fred Baumgarten. It was a tract of raw prairie when the family took possession thereof but in his boyhood and youth he assisted his father in the arduous task of developing the wild land. Their first home was a rude cabin but it served to afford shelter for the family until a more substantial and commodious residence could be erected. Harvests were planted and fences built and with characteristic energy the work of general improvement was begun. Mr. Baumgarten and his father set out all of the fine shade trees upon the place, which include black walnut, poplars, cottonwood, locusts and maples. Many fruit trees have also been planted and they yield a good product in season. Mr. Baumgarten and his father also erected the present residence upon the place and all of the outbuildings which constitute this a model farm and afford ample shelter for grain and stock. The fields present a most attractive appearance, promising golden

harvests in the autumn, and while making a specialty of raising Aberdeen Angus cattle Mr. Baumgarten also raises stock of other kinds. The various branches of his business are proving profitable, owing to his capable conduct and unfaltering energy.

On the 6th of August, 1885, Mr. Baumgarten was married to Miss Sophia Puls, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, July 3, 1862, and came to the United States with her parents in 1882, when a young lady of twenty years. She is a daughter of John and Henrietta (Puls) Puls, the latter now residing in Tonawanda, New York, in which place the death of the father occurred in the 5th day of February, 1905. They never lived in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Baumgarten had three sons and a daughter: Anna, who died at the age of five years; Albert, who was born February 4, 1893; Walter, born August 12, 1894; and William, born August 8, 1897. The family is pleasantly situated in a comfortable home and the success which Mr. Baumgarten has achieved enables him to supply his family with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he is a devoted and interested member of the Lutheran church. His life has ever been honorable and upright and constitutes an example well worthy of emulation. In all of his business affairs he has been actuated by laudable ambitions and his energy and strong purpose have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path.

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#### FREDERICK HENNEMANN.

Germany has furnished many worthy citizens to the United States, the Teutonic element in our nationality having long been an important one. Among the representatives of the fatherland now living in Page county is Frederick Hennemann, who carries on general farming on section 1, Nodaway township. He was born in Prussia, Germany, November 4, 1861, and was the second in order of birth in a family of six children whose parents were Ludwig and Wilhelmina (Shoultz) Hennemann. The father died in Germany when his son Frederick was but seven years of age. The mother afterward came with her son to the United States and is now residing with a daughter in this county. In the family were six children: Sophia, now the wife of Henry Sidenberg, of Valley township; Frederick; Theresa, the wife of Henry Gribbert, of Clarinda; Mary, the wife of Carl Bradyhorst, a resident farmer of Tarkio township; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-four years, and Carl, of Oklahoma.

Frederick Hennemann remained a resident of his native country until eighteen years of age and during that period acquired his education in the public schools. He was left fatherless at the age of seven and in the fall of 1880 came with his widowed mother to the new world, starting in business life here as a farm hand. He was thus employed for five years but being ambitious to engage in business on his own account he rented land which he cultivated for five years. During that period he carefully saved

his earnings until he had a sufficient sum to invest in eighty acres of land in Douglas township, where he resided for eleven years. He afterward purchased his present farm of one hundred and forty-one acres on section 1, Nodaway township, and after selling his eighty-acre tract he invested in an adjoining farm of one hundred and one acres in the same township, so that his total holdings are now two hundred and forty-two acres, constituting one of the valuable farm properties of the locality. On the place are two sets of good farm buildings and all of the modern accessories and conveniences which facilitate the work of the fields and make the place typical of the progressive spirit which has characterized agricultural lines in Page county in recent years.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Hennemann was married in 1891 to Miss Paulina Krull, who was born in Prussia, Germany, January 20, 1873, and was brought to the United States in 1885 by her father and stepmother. She is a daughter of Henry Krull, who now resides in Douglas township. He married Wilhelmina Kohn and had four children by that marriage: Mrs. Hennemann; Wilhelmina, who died at the age of four years in the old country; Mary, who died at the age of six months; and August, living in North Dakota. After losing his first wife Mr. Krull wedded Fredericka Kluth and unto them were born two children, Johanna and Henry.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hennemann has been blessed with six children, Ludwig, Rosa, Albert, Alma, Emma and Lena. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Hennemann is a democrat in his political views. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office. He may well be called a self-made man for he came to the new world empty-handed and worked as a farm hand until he could make a start in business on his own account. His life has been one of unremitting diligence and perseverance and his success is well merited.

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#### JOSIAH M. RUMBAUGH.

Josiah M. Rumbaugh, arriving in Clarinda in 1904, is now engaged in the dry-goods business. He came to Iowa from Nebraska but is an eastern man by birth, the state of his nativity being Pennsylvania, while his natal day was November, 8, 1863. His parents, William and Hannah Rumbaugh, were farming people who removed to Adams county, Illinois, where Josiah M. Rumbaugh spent his boyhood and youth, working in the fields through the summer months, while in the winter season he obtained his education in the public schools. In 1883 he removed to Lewis, Iowa, where he secured employment in a dry-goods house, remaining there for thirteen years. In 1896 he established a dry-goods store in Glenwood, Iowa, where he conducted business until 1900, when he removed to Red Oak. After a brief period he went to Nebraska and in 1904 came to Clarinda, where

he opened a dry-goods store, which he has since carried on under his own name.

In 1895 Mr. Rumbaugh was married to Miss Luella Custer, of Blue Springs, Nebraska, and unto them has been born a son, Harold Kent. Mr. Rumbaugh is a chapter Mason and is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### E. D. WINTER.

E. D. Winter is a successful farmer of Valley township, operating a tract of two hundred and forty acres belonging to his father-in-law, and he is also the owner of two hundred and forty acres located in Taylor county, Iowa, from which he derives a good rental. Mr. Winter is a native of Page county, born July 30, 1870, a son of N. C. and Amelia (Moore) Winter, the former born in Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1829, while the latter claims Highland county, Ohio, as the place of her birth. The year 1857 witnessed the arrival of N. C. Winter in Page county, Iowa. He here purchased a tract of land, on which he erected a log cabin, in which the family made their home for a time, but later this crude dwelling was replaced by a more commodious frame residence. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Winter was blessed with nine children, all born in Page county, and seven of the number still survive. The father died in November, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven years, but the mother still survives at the age of sixty-eight years and yet makes her home in this county.

E. D. Winter remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, during which time he was trained to the tasks of the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools and in Shenandoah schools, where he qualified for teaching. When starting out to make his own way in the world he engaged in teaching school five years but the life of the farm proving more congenial to him, he then rented land in Valley township, and cultivated the same for a number of years. This brought him the capital that enabled him to invest in land and accordingly he purchased property in Taylor county, Iowa, becoming owner of two hundred and forty acres. This is a finely improved place but he now leases the land and is giving his attention to a farm of two hundred and forty acres located in Valley township, Page county, belonging to his father-in-law. In addition to general farming he also raises stock, making a specialty of the latter branch of business, in which he is meeting with success.

It was in February, 1895, that Mr. Winter was united in marriage to Miss Rose Depuey, who was born in Montgomery county, Iowa, a daughter of Chester and Minerva (Sullivan) Depuey, who are still living and make their home in Page county. Mrs. Winter is one of a family of four children and by her marriage has become the mother of three daughters and two sons: Ray C., Charles E., Maud V., Edna B. and Ethel M.

The parents attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Winter is a democrat and at the present time is serving as

trustee of the township, while for four years he was township clerk. He is likewise a school director and is now president of the school board. He belongs to that class of representative young men who readily discern opportunities of improvement and who are rapidly forging to the front. He is advancing in the business world and is well and favorably known in both Taylor and Page counties.

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CHARLES ELMER KELLOGG, M. D.

When in college Dr. Charles Elmer Kellogg was one of two who secured the faculty prize for the highest general average and in the practice of his profession he has always maintained the same high standard, his technical skill and ability being manifest in the practical duties which come to him day by day.

A native of Clinton county, Iowa, he was born October 7, 1863, and is a son of Luther and Deborah (Shearer) Kellogg, natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was born near Mount Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1825, and when about nine years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. There he became engaged in the manufacture and sale of fanning mills on a small scale. In 1852 he came west to Iowa, locating in Clinton county, where he purchased land at a dollar and a quarter per acre. For some years he continued the manufacture of fanning mills after his removal to this state but eventually concentrated his entire attention upon his farming interests and by additional purchases added to his place until he had acquired some four hundred acres of land. He successfully cultivated his fields and resided upon that farm until about 1890, when he removed to Tarkio, Missouri. In 1904 he retired from active business life and took up his abode at Santa Anna, California, where he is now residing at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His wife also still survives and is now seventy-three years of age.

Dr. Kellogg was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools and in Cornell University at Mount Vernon, Iowa, while later he attended the Dixon Normal School at Dixon, Illinois. When twenty years of age he entered upon the profession of teaching and taught for three terms. He then embarked in the hardware and implement business in partnership with his brother, John E. Kellogg, at Farmersville, Iowa. This continued for three years, when the business was sold and Dr. Kellogg took up the study of medicine preparatory to making its practice his life work. He read under the direction of Dr. Clifton Scott, of Dixon, Illinois, who was subsequently principal of the scientific department of the Highland Park College at Des Moines, and in the fall of 1890 Dr. Kellogg entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, now the medical department of the Illinois University. He was graduated from that institution with honors as a member of the class of 1893 and was one of two who secured

the faculty prize for the highest general average. He was also honored by his classmates with the presidency of the class and thus his college days foreshadowed the success which he was to attain in his practice.

Following his graduation he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed the required examination of the state board and for about a year practiced in that city. He then removed to Barron, Wisconsin, where he formed a partnership with a former classmate—Dr. Post. He remained at that point, however, for only five months, at the end of which time he removed to Northboro, Iowa, where he conducted a successful practice, remaining at that point for fourteen and a half years. During that time he built up a lucrative practice but in November, 1908, he sold out there and came to Shenandoah, establishing himself in offices in the National Bank building. He is now building up a lucrative practice here, having already secured the patronage of many of the leading families of the city and surrounding country. He is thoroughly conversant with modern methods and the results of scientific investigation, while reading and study have kept him in touch with the onward trend of the profession. He is a member of the Page County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A.

In 1898 Dr. Kellogg was married to Miss Blanche May Monk, of Shenandoah. They have a hospitable home, which is a favorite resort with their many friends. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Kellogg is serving as one of its stewards. While residing at Northboro he served for several years as superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is conscientious and faithful in all that he does, whether his work be of a professional or public nature, and his strongly marked characteristics of enterprise, determination and reliability have won him a substantial measure of success.

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### JOHN PARKS.

John Parks has occupied his present home since 1901. His place is pleasantly located in Nebraska township, near Newmarket, on the boundary line between Taylor and Page counties and in the management of the farm he is displaying good business ability and keen discernment. His birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio, May 14, 1844, and he was a youth of ten years when he went to McDonough county, Illinois, with his parents, Craighead and Lucinda (Farrell) Parks, both of whom were natives of Ross county, Ohio. Following their removal to Illinois, they spent their remaining days in McDonough county, where the father carried on farming until his life's labors were ended in death.

John Parks was one of a family of eight children and his youthful days were passed in Ross county, Ohio, and in McDonough county, Illinois, where he was trained to farm work, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the time of the Civil



war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations that he might defend the Union, enlisting on the 19th of August, 1862, as a member of Company A, Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel L. H. Waters. With that command he served until the close of the war, being mustered out as a corporal in the last of June, 1865. He participated in all of the engagements with his regiment, including the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Resaca, Rocky Face Ridge, Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville. In fact he was in all of the engagements of the Atlanta campaign and saw arduous service on many hotly contested battlefields but never swerved in his allegiance to duty and was equally faithful to the old flag whether on the firing line or the lonely picket line.

At the close of the war Mr. Parks received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in Illinois. With the exception of that period in the war his entire life has been devoted to farming. He continued in Illinois until 1892, when he came to Page county, Iowa, and has since resided near Newmarket on the Taylor county line. He has occupied his present farm since 1901, having eighty acres of land on section 36, Nebraska township. He has placed all of the improvements upon his land, having good buildings here, including a neat little home and substantial barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock. His farm presents a well kept appearance, indicating the careful supervision and progressive methods of the owner, who is practical in all that he undertakes and is winning a fair measure of success as the years go by.

On the 20th of September, 1871, Mr. Parks was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Knowles, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, August 22, 1851, and was a daughter of William and Lucinda (Robertson) Knowles. Her father was born in Maryland, while her mother was a native of Washington, D. C., her birth, however, occurring on the Georgetown side of the stream which divides the city. They were married in Washington and in 1839 made their way to Illinois. There Mr. Knowles followed carpentering and also owned and cultivated a farm, remaining in active business there until his death. He was the father of twelve children, six of whom reached years of maturity. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Parks was blessed with seven children: Lucinda, who died in infancy; Mary Adelaide; Anna Gertrude, the wife of W. I. Weaver, a resident farmer of Dallas township, Taylor county, Iowa; Laura Myrtle, who died in infancy; John Gilbert, a pharmacist of Ottumwa, Iowa; Edgar, who is clerking for a wholesale drug company at Ottumwa; and Ross, at home.

Mr. Parks still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Newmarket Post, G. A. R., and around its camp fires he delights in recalling scenes and events which were features in his military experience during the period when he defended the stars and stripes on southern battlefields. In politics he has always been a republican and has held some minor offices but has never desired political preferment as he felt that his business cares made sufficient demand upon

his time. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church throughout his entire life and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. They are prominent and respected in the community and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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### GEORGE E. CLAYTON.

Opportunities for advancement are eagerly sought and wisely improved by George E. Clayton, not alone for his own advantage but also for the benefit of the city in which he resides. Alive to interests relative to her welfare, he had labored effectively and earnestly along lines which have been directly beneficial to Clarinda. He is now a member of the firm of Hunt & Clayton, dealers in real estate, loans and insurance.

Mr. Clayton is a western man by birth, training and preference, and the steady progress which is making rapid but substantial changes throughout this section of the country finds its exemplification in his life's labors. He was born in Osage county, Kansas, March 12, 1873, and is a son of B. F. and Mary (Riner) Clayton. The father was a merchant and for some years was identified with the development and upbuilding of various sections of the Sunflower state. The family lived for a time at Neosha Falls, Kansas, and George E. Clayton was educated at Yates Center and also at Burr Oak, attending the public schools in both places. For two years he engaged in teaching school, taking up the profession when sixteen years of age, and in 1891 he went to Taylor county, Iowa, locating at Newmarket. There he engaged in clerking for a year in a general store, after which he entered business in connection with Mr. Hunt, under the firm style of Hunt & Clayton. They opened a general store and also engaged in buying and selling grain. Both branches of business were carefully managed and capably conducted and they continued at that point until 1898, when they removed to Clarinda and here opened a general mercantile establishment under the old firm name. The business was later incorporated as the Hunt & Clayton Company. Their previous experience had made them familiar with the character of public demands in the line of their trade, had given them an understanding of the market and the opportunities for judicious investment in the wholesale houses. They carefully managed their mercantile interests here until January, 1909, when they sold out and directed their attention to the real-estate, loan and insurance business, to which they are concentrating their energies exclusively. This they had established three years before they disposed of their mercantile line and today they are ranked as one of the leading firms operating in the real-estate field in southwestern Iowa. They are conversant with the value of property, know what real estate is on the market, and are enabled to make wise investments and profitable sales for their clients. At the same time they are gaining a fair measure of success to which they are well entitled by reason of their enterprising and progressive spirit.

On the 24th of October, 1894, the marriage of Mr. Clayton and Miss Grace Aiton, of Taylor county, Iowa, was celebrated. She is a daughter of William Aiton, a farmer of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are now widely known in Clarinda and have made many friends during the period of their residence here. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Clayton is serving as a trustee. He is also connected with its brotherhood movement. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias. In the latter organization he is a past chancellor and is now representative to the grand lodge. In Masonry he has steadily advanced until he has reached the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is a charter member of the Commercial Club. This organization has for its object the development of Clarinda and the promotion of growth and progress in this part of the state, and its work has been an effective force here. Mr. Clayton is a director of the new railroad branch known as the Iowa, Missouri River & Southern. In politics he is a Cleveland democrat, stanchly advocating the principles of the New York statesman who is the only man in the history of the country that was reelected chief magistrate of the nation after an interval in which he did not fill the office. Mr. Clayton has served as a member of the city council of Clarinda and in that connection exercised his official prerogative for the public good.

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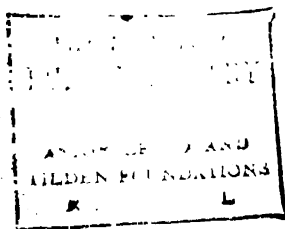
### JOHN MENTZER.

John Mentzer is the junior partner in the firm of Mentzer Brothers, pioneers in the grocery business in Shenandoah. They established the first undertaking of this kind in the city and have continued in the same line of business to the present time while they have also extended their efforts into other fields which have brought them individual profit and in which the city has been an indirect beneficiary.

A native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Mentzer was born on the 10th of February, 1851, and his parents, John and Nancy (Foreman) Mentzer, were also natives of the same county, where they were reared and married. In 1854 they joined the vanguard of the immigration movement to Iowa, coming down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi to Muscatine, where they landed. From that point they traveled by stage to Linn county, reaching the town of Marion on the 6th of April, 1854. It was a pioneer region in which many evidences of frontier life were still to be seen. The father was a mason by trade and up to the time of his death was entrusted with the greater part of the building operations in Marion, including both residences and business blocks. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and for several years prior to his death he was a consistent, faithful and helpful member of the Presbyterian church, though in earlier years and up to the time of coming to Iowa he and family were Lutherans.



JOHN MENTZER



John Mentzer was only three years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa and was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of Marion and in the Marion Seminary, which he attended for a year. In 1868, when seventeen years of age, he started in business life in connection with merchandising, securing a position in his brother's grocery store in Marion, where he remained for more than three years. He then came to Shenandoah, following his brother, P. H. Mentzer, who had preceded him about six weeks. The brother erected the first building in the city used for grocery purposes and had just about completed this when John Mentzer arrived. After the business was established he entered the store as a clerk and thus served for three years, at the end of which time he was admitted to a partnership. The business has since been conducted under the firm name of Mentzer Brothers, covering a period of thirty-six years, being the oldest mercantile establishment in Shenandoah. They have not only enjoyed a good trade in their line and conducted an establishment of growing extent and importance but have at all times manifested a most public-spirited interest in the general welfare and have been connected with much constructive work that has promoted the upbuilding and progress of the city. Many of the town's industries have been fostered by them and they have neglected no opportunity to promote Shenandoah's advancement and upbuilding along progressive lines. For twenty years they owned and operated the Shenandoah canning factory, conducting business under the name of the Shenandoah Canning Company. They were also instrumental in the organization of the Shenandoah Creamery Company but as a stock company it soon suspended business and was then taken over by Mr. Mentzer and his brother who conducted it successfully for a number of years. Both of these industries were taken over by the Mentzer Brothers largely from philanthropic motives prompted by their desire to see the industries succeed for the town's benefit. They had been very active spirits in securing the establishment of various industrial plants here and perhaps no two men have done more for Shenandoah and its substantial progress than have these two gentlemen.

On the 1st of April, 1875, John Mentzer was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Myers of Shenandoah and unto them were born four children: Edna G., who died in infancy; Mabel F., the wife of Ralph H. Patt, of Kansas City, Missouri; Claud G., who is bookkeeper and assistant manager for the Stead Lens Company in Kansas City; and John B., who is employed in his father's store.

Mr. Mentzer is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, A. F. & A. M., which he joined during the early period of its existence. He also belongs to Shenandoah Homestead, No. 176, of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and for nine years has been secretary of the latter organization. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he served for one year as recorder and for one year as a member of the city council in the '70s. Later he was elected city clerk, which position he continued to fill for twelve years, and he served for fifteen years as a member of the school board and for seven or eight years was president of the board. His labors

for public interests have always been of a most practical nature and have, therefore, accomplished results. He has been closely identified with the Baptist church since 1872 and has been clerk of the church almost continuously since, while for many years he served as Sunday-school superintendent and next to the pastor the most dominant factor in the building of the twenty-five thousand dollar house of worship, the first modern church building erected in Shenandoah. The subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capacities and powers, while at the same time he thoroughly understands his opportunities and his obligations. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time is the purpose of his life and by reason of the mature judgment which characterizes his efforts at all times he stands today as a splendid representative of the commercial and industrial interests of Shenandoah to whom business, however, is but one phase of life and does not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

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#### JAMES M. HAWLEY.

No record of Page county would be considered complete unless the name of James M. Hawley was found in its pages. He was the first merchant within its borders and in many ways contributed to its transformation from the time when the earliest settlers were reclaiming its wild lands for civilization. He met their needs in various lines by establishing a store in a little log house and selling to them the commodities which were demanded by the frontier men.

Mr. Hawley was born May 10, 1804, in Danbury, Connecticut. His educational opportunities were limited but in the school of experience he learned many valuable lessons which he put to good use. In early life he became a combmaker by trade and followed that pursuit for eight years. In 1832 he went to Dunkirk, New York, where he established a comb factory, having in the meantime carefully saved his earnings until he was able to start in business on his own account. Two years later he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he conducted the Yankee Boarding House for a while and later became proprietor of the American House, at that time the largest and best hotel in that city. In his business undertaking he prospered as the years went by and in course of time opened a store and also established a flour mill, thus extending the scope of his activities and becoming a leading factor in the business development of that growing western city.

In 1850 Mr. Hawley removed to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was connected with mercantile lines, and the year 1853 witnessed his arrival in Page county, Iowa. He first settled in Savannah Landing, which later became Hawleyville, being so named in his honor. He had established business there as a merchant, opening a stock of goods in a log house. He re-tailed the first goods sold in the county, drawing his patronage from among

the pioneer settlers who occupied the wild district. In 1863 he came to Clarinda and continued in mercantile lines in connection with A. Lorenz. In a short time, however, he sold out to his son, James D. Hawley, and in 1864 went to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he conducted a store for nine years. While at that place he was secretary of the company which built the first bridge across the Missouri river at that point. He ever worked for substantial improvement and progress, and in each community in which he lived he left the impress of his individuality for good. After eleven years he returned to Clarinda and was elected justice of the peace. In that office his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, winning him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." His record in every relation of life was a creditable one, making him worthy of the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

In September, 1832, Mr. Hawley was married to Miss Charlotte L. Petty, a native of New Hampshire, and they became parents of four children: J. D., a merchant of Clarinda; Julia, the wife of D. C. Chamberlain; Ada, who wedded D. C. Timmerman, an attorney of St. Joseph, Missouri; and one who passed away.

While many years have passed by since Mr. Hawley was called to his final rest, he is yet remembered by many of the older settlers and there stands a monument to his life work in the town of Hawleyville, which was laid out by him in 1853 and is the oldest town of the county.

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### JAMES D. HAWLEY.

James D. Hawley needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. Few men have as intimate or accurate knowledge concerning the history of this part of the state or have borne so large a part in the work of general development. Mr. Hawley was born in Detroit, Michigan, November 29, 1836, and has therefore passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. The period of his youth was passed on the frontier. Detroit at the time of his birth was but a small village, little more than a trading post with the Indians and a shipping point for western trade. He was a youth of fourteen when the family removed to St. Joseph, Missouri, and when seventeen years of age came with his parents to Page county, Iowa. As opportunity offered he acquired his education and as the years passed he largely assisted his father in various business ventures until 1866, when he purchased the interest of his father and Edwin Curtis in a general mercantile store which they had previously established. He has been continuously in business since that time and is now the oldest merchant in the city of Clarinda. He stands, too, among the most honored, for the course which he has pursued is one which will always bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. In addition to carrying on his mercantile interests he built the Hawley Opera House in 1880. It is a fine building—a two-story brick structure fifty by one hundred feet. His store building is also brick,



two stories in height, twenty-five by one hundred feet, and he now carries a large and well selected line of staple and fancy groceries, having concentrated his energies upon this department of commerce to the exclusion of other lines of general merchandise.

It was on Christmas day of 1859 that Mr. Hawley was married to Miss Sarah E. McAlpine, a native of Indiana and a daughter of David McAlpine, who came to Page county in 1853. They have one son, Arthur J., who is connected with his father in business, constituting a strong and reliable firm. He married Miss Nettie Harvey, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Alexander Harvey, who was for years connected with railroad interests. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Hawley were married February 27, 1897, and have one son, Arlo.

Aside from his business connections J. D. Hawley has done much for the interests of Clarinda and is one of its most respected and valued citizens. He was president of Page County Fair Association for some time and through that avenue did much to stimulate ambition and promote effort for the advancement of all that is best in the lines of business which are represented within the borders of the county. He has ever contributed to the support of public measures and has assisted in building the railroad. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Presbyterian church, which Mrs. Hawley joined on its organization. His son, Arthur J. Hawley, is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, while both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star. In Masonry he is well known and prominent, having served as senior warden in the lodge and as worthy patron of the Eastern Star. The name of Hawley has ever been a synonym in this county for business activity, for progressive citizenship and for honorable manhood. Since the early days when James M. Hawley opened up the first store within the borders of the county representatives of the name have been very active in bringing about the transformation that has annihilated all of the evidences of frontier life here and introduced those of modern civilization.

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#### MARTIN LIST.

Martin List, who for six years has been connected with the business interests of Yorktown as cashier of the Yorktown Savings Bank, was born in Frankenmuth, Michigan, on the 10th of May, 1876. He is a son of J. M. and Mary (Schleier) List, also natives of Michigan, in which state they now reside, the father there engaging in carpentering. Their family consisted of eleven children.

Passing the days of his childhood and youth in the state of his nativity, Martin List acquired his early education in the district schools and later supplemented this training by a course of study in the International Business College at Saginaw, Michigan. Thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life, he crossed the threshold of the business world and entered his career as a clerk and bookkeeper. In 1894 he went

to Adair, Iowa, where he was engaged in bookkeeping and clerking for some time, and then removed to Wall Lake, this state, where he was similarly employed until 1903, during which period he had received wide practical experience in his chosen line of work. In that year he came to Yorktown and upon his arrival here became cashier of the Yorktown Savings Bank, which position he still occupies. His interest in the welfare of the institution, his strict business integrity and his courteous and pleasing bearing toward the patrons of the bank all combine to make him a very popular and valuable official. He is also a member of the board of directors of the bank, which has a capital and surplus of fourteen thousand dollars, its officers being J. N. Miller, president; N. H. Martin, vice president; and Martin List, cashier. Although his financial duties occupy a large share of his time and attention, Mr. List yet finds opportunity to engage in other interests and is now one of the trustees of the Consolidation Telephone Company, while he is also interested and active, to some extent, in the public life of the community.

In the year 1902 Mr. List was united in marriage to Miss Adelheid Beck, a daughter of Andrew Beck, born in Sebewaing, Michigan. They have become the parents of four children, namely: Paul, born in Wall Lake, Iowa; Arthur; Herman and Herbert, twins; the three last named being natives of Page county, this state.

In politics Mr. List gives stalwart support to the republican party and is at present acting as city clerk. He is also the treasurer of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is a faithful and consistent member of the German Lutheran church and its teachings form the guiding influences of his life. He is a man of genuine personal worth, who has always adhered to a high moral standard, and while still young in years, he is therefore to be congratulated upon the high place which he has already attained in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. Energetic, industrious and persevering, he has ever been quick to recognize and utilize each opportunity that has come to him, and if the success which has already come to him in the business world is an indication, Mr. List surely has before him a future rich with possibilities.

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#### ALONZO GREEN.

Alonzo Green, who is successfully engaged in the real estate business at Clarinda as the junior partner of the firm of Dryden & Green, was born in Danville, Illinois, on the 28th of February, 1864, his parents being the Rev. John and Eliza (Frazee) Green, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The paternal grandparents, William and Eliza (Crandall) Green, were natives of Ohio and New York respectively. William H. Frazee, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Indiana. His wife bore the maiden name of Eliza Davis.

Rev. John Green, the father of Alonzo Green, preached the gospel as a minister of the New Light Christian church for forty-five years. His demise occurred in Danville, Illinois, on the 22d of June, 1908, when he had attained the age of seventy-four years. His wife, who proved a valuable help-mate to him in his ministerial labors, was called to her final rest on the 26th of February, 1883. Unto this worthy couple were born four children, namely: Charlotte, the wife of Dr. B. J. Hargan, who conducts a medical sanitarium at Belmond, Iowa; Alonzo, of this review; Martha, who is the widow of Bood Mills and makes her home in Danville, Illinois; and John, a painter of Clarinda, who wedded Miss Maud Fickle.

Alonzo Green was reared and educated in the place of his nativity and in 1883, when nineteen years of age, made his way to Greene county, Iowa, where he was engaged in digging coal for a few months. Subsequently he went to Centerville, Iowa, where he also dug coal for a few months and then came to Clarinda, the date of his arrival being June 28, 1883. Here he worked as a farm hand for two years, on the expiration of which period he went to western Nebraska and preempted a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, being engaged in its cultivation and improvement until the time of his return to Clarinda, Page county, when he disposed of the property. During the following year he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres four miles west of Clarinda and, afterward bought a threshing machine and followed the threshing business for twenty years. In addition to the work of farming and threshing he also conducted business as a grain shipper.

In 1907 Mr. Green took up his abode at No. 502 West State street in Clarinda, where he has since resided. He owns two blocks of city real estate and also has a farm of two hundred and twenty acres on the state road, four miles west of Clarinda, where he raises cattle, hogs and horses on quite an extensive scale. He also has ninety-one acres of land one mile southwest of Yorktown. He is now engaged in the real estate business in partnership with Ed L. Dryden, under the firm style of Dryden & Green. They have thoroughly informed themselves concerning realty values and its appreciation or diminution in price and are thus enabled to assist their clients in making judicious investments and profitable sales. Mr. Green has a business record which any man might be proud to possess. Beginning at the very bottom round of the ladder, he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now numbered among the most prosperous, progressive and leading citizens of the county.

On the 1st of January, 1887, in Clarinda, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Baldwin, a native of that place. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Hulda J. Loy, was a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Loy) Loy and a representative of the prominent Loy family who owned most of the ground on the present site of Clarinda. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Green have been born three children: Earl, a resident of Seattle, Washington; Mabel, at home; and James, who is head baker in the Clarinda hospital.

At the polls Mr. Green casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and he did effective service for the cause of education while acting as president of the school board in Yorktown. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias. Wherever known he is respected for his unfaltering allegiance to the principles of honorable manhood as manifest in business and social relations and in public-spirited citizenship.

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### W. G. JOHNSON, M. D.

Dr. W. G. Johnson, who is engaged in the general practice of medicine in Coin, where his growing success is indicated in a constantly increasing patronage, was born in Mount Vernon, Iowa, June 12, 1880, a son of J. C. and Mattie (Gerard) Johnson. The father was a native of Ohio and became a prominent farmer of that state. About 1863 he enlisted for active service in the Civil war with the Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and continued with that regiment until the close of hostilities. He then returned to Ohio, where he lived for a short time, after which he removed to Iowa about 1867. On coming to this state he settled in the eastern part and there carried on farming. On leaving Iowa he removed to South Dakota, becoming identified with the educational interests of that state as principal of the high school at Ashton, Spink county. This was not his first experience as a teacher for he had previously engaged in teaching school at Mount Vernon, Eldora, West Liberty, Tipton and other places. At all times his work gave eminent satisfaction for he possessed pronounced ability as a teacher and his zeal and interest in the work was a source of inspiration to his pupils. After serving for one year at Ashton, he there passed away at the age of forty-two. The Masonic fraternity found in him an exemplary member and he also took an active part in the Grand Army work. His wife, a native of Marion county, Ohio, is still living, her home being in Walla Walla, Washington. She has married again, her present husband being C. D. Moore, a contractor of Walla Walla. By her first marriage she became the mother of six children: Edgar E., who is assistant superintendent of the National Mexico Packing House at Uruapam, Mexico; Eva, the wife of L. F. Dekay who is living at the same place in Mexico; Mabel, the wife of J. W. Porter, whose home is at Freewater, Oregon; Carrie B., the wife of George Redburn, of Spokane, Washington; William Garfield, of this review; and Arthur D., deceased.

Dr. Johnson, whose name introduces this record, was about a year old when his parents removed from Mount Vernon, to other points in eastern Iowa and after five years removed to South Dakota. He attended the common schools at Ashton and in the fall of 1899 he matriculated in Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois, where he pursued a scientific and literary course, being graduated in 1904 with a class of about thirty. In further preparation for life's practical and responsible duties he entered the

Northwestern University Medical school at Chicago, Illinois, and on the completion of the regular course was graduated with the class of 1908. During the summer of 1906 he entered the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee, Illinois, as assistant and had much experience there in the treatment of mental and nervous diseases. After graduating he engaged in the practice of medicine at Onarga for about six months but left there to accept a position in Mexico as medical director for the National Mexican Packing Company. He remained there for two months but the climate proved detrimental to his health and on recommendation he came to Coin, Iowa, where he determined to locate after looking over the field. He is now practicing here, with office in the Monzingo building, and is enjoying success, making an excellent record as the months go by. He belongs to the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. On the list of his ancestors appears the names of such distinguished men as Daniel Boone, the pioneer explorer of Kentucky; Governor Mitchell of Ohio and General U. S. Grant.

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#### EARL PETERS.

Earl Peters is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of every community. Since 1898 he has been a representative of the Clarinda bar and since 1904 has practiced as junior partner of the firm of Parslow & Peters. He has made steady progress in his chosen field of labor and enjoys a well merited reputation for the utmost care and precision which characterize his preparation of a case, making him one of the successful attorneys of Page county.

A native son of Iowa, Mr. Peters was born in Pleasanton, February 22, 1873, and is a son of Dr. William E. and Mary A. (Smith) Peters. The father was a physician who practiced his profession for a number of years but later turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Spending his boyhood days in his parents' home, Earl Peters pursued his education in the public schools and in the Leon high school, while later he prepared for the legal profession as a pupil in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. His training was thorough and comprehensive and, well equipped for his chosen field of labor, he entered upon practice at Clarinda in the fall of the same year. He was pleased with the city and believed it would prove an advantageous location and that his choice was a wise one has been evidenced by the result. He entered the office of H. E. Parslow and in 1904 entered into partnership with Mr. Parslow under the firm style of Parslow & Peters, which association has since existed. They conduct a general law practice and are accorded a very extensive clientage, connecting them with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this part of the state. In his wide general information is found one of the strong elements of Mr. Peters' power and ability as a lawyer. His pleas have

been characterized by a terse and decisive logic and by a lucid presentation rather than by flights of oratory and his power is the greater before court or jury from the fact that it is recognized that his aim is ever to secure justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb or illusion which will thwart the principles of right and equity involved. During the year 1907 and 1908 he was city attorney, and in other connections he figures in the public life of the city. He is a director of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly and on its important committees. He has also been secretary of the school board since 1905 and the cause of education or any movement which tends to promote intellectual progress finds in him a stalwart champion.

On the 10th of June, 1903, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Clara Burleson, a daughter of D. G. Burleson, a grain dealer, who is now deceased. Mrs. Peters was born at Villisca, Iowa, but was a little girl when her parents removed to Clarinda, where she has since made her home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peters are widely known in this city and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Peters belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has taken the degree of the lodge and the chapter in Masonry, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Eastern Star. In politics he is a republican, thoroughly conversant with the issues and questions of the day, and takes an active interest in the party work.

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#### W. F. MASCHER.

W. F. Mascher operates a neat and well improved farm located on section 25, Douglas township. A native of Illinois, he was born in Jasper county on the 4th of May, 1875, a son of C. F. and Mary (Tulch) Mascher, who were also born in Illinois, where they yet reside. Eight of the thirteen children born unto them are still living.

Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, W. F. Mascher attended the common schools during the winter periods while the summer months were devoted to assisting his father on the farm. He early learned the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting and the practical experience thus gained was of great assistance to him when he later engaged in business on his own account. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, when he came to Page county, Iowa, and here worked as a farm hand by the month until 1897. On the 6th of June of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Rosina Sunderman, a daughter of Henry and Sophia Sunderman, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage Mr. Mascher returned to Illinois, where he remained for about a year and a half, and then came again to Iowa, settling in Douglas township, Page county, upon a farm belonging to his father-in-law, and has since made it his home, operating it in the capacity of a renter. He has directed his energies to its further improvement and development and

the neat and attractive appearance which the place presents is an indication of his thrift and enterprise.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mascher has been blessed with eight children, namely: Wilbert, Laura, Vernie, Ella, George, Irene, Carl and Esther, the last named being now deceased. Mrs. Mascher, who was born on the 27th of August, 1875, passed away May 27, 1909, and was laid to rest in the German Lutheran cemetery in Nodaway township. An excellent wife and loving mother, she was held in high esteem throughout the community and her loss was mourned not only by the members of her family but also by a large circle of friends.

In politics Mr. Mascher is a stalwart republican but he neither seeks nor desires public office as a reward for party fealty. His entire time and attention are devoted to his business affairs, which are now capably conducted so that he is justly classed with the progressive farmers of the county. Industrious habits and straightforwardness have enabled him to maintain his standing in the community as a substantial and desirable citizen.

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### JAMES K. KING.

James K. King, spoken of by those who have known him long and well as a "grand old man" was one of the earliest settlers of Tarkio township and still makes his home on section 33. His memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has witnessed many changes here as the wild prairie land has been converted into rich fields, the native grasses and the wild flowers of summer giving way to the crops of corn, wheat and other cereals. Mr. King was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of June, 1831, a son of Christopher and Rosanna (Knight) King, who were also natives of the same county, the father spending his entire life there, but the mother afterwards came to the west with her son James in 1869.

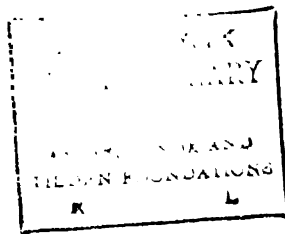
Mr. King of this review was reared at the old home in Pennsylvania and mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools near by. His father was an undertaker in a day when those who followed the business also manufactured coffins, and as James K. King approached manhood he worked with his father at coffin-making and in the undertaking business. In 1854 he was married and moved to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming for fifteen years. He found the pursuit congenial, and thinking to have still better opportunities for carrying on farm work in the middle west, he made his way to Carroll county, Illinois, in 1869.

In the fall of the same year Mr. King continued his journey to Page county, Iowa, and, settling in Tarkio township, made his first purchase of land, becoming the owner of a prairie tract of eighty acres and twenty acres of timber land on section 33. Here he has lived continuously since and in the intervening forty years has seen this section develop from a wild region into one of the garden spots of the United States. In the midst of



MR. AND MRS. JAMES K. KING





highly cultivated farms, upon which are produced some of the finest crops of corn in this country, are seen thriving towns and villages which have been founded and built in his memory. As the years have passed Mr. King has labored diligently and persistently to carry on the farm work and has prospered in his undertakings. Success always rewards earnest, persistent labor and as his financial resources have increased he has continued to invest in land until he now owns three hundred and seventy-one acres in Tarkio township, making him one of its substantial citizens. The worth of his character has always gained him high esteem and he is known as a man who merits the regard which is uniformly tendered him.

In 1854 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. King and Miss Harriet Lanning, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born December 18, 1838. They reared nine children, of whom six are yet living: Zetta, the wife of David Shaw, whose home is in Grant township; Minnie, the wife of Henry Hubert, who operates her father's farm; Jardin, at home; Port Hudson, who is living in Tarkio township; Skiles Austin, who is also a resident of Tarkio township and is serving as township trustee; and Bessie, a granddaughter whom Mr. and Mrs. King adopted and reared. She is now the wife of Paul Hann, living in Nodaway township.

In his political views Mr. King is a stalwart republican, who has long supported the party although he cast his first presidential ballot for Franklin Pierce. He has served for two or three terms as justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. He and his wife are devoted members of the Church of God, in which Mr. King has been affiliated for sixty-one years, and through a long period has served as one of the elders. His life has been guided by his Christian faith and conforms to the teachings of the church. His record, therefore, is exemplary of all those traits of character which constitute honorable manhood and forms an example well worthy of emulation.

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#### G. A. McCULLOUGH.

For a half century G. A. McCullough has resided in Page county and throughout the entire period has not only been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred and the growth and development that has been made, but has also been a cooperant factor in much of the work of transformation.

His birth occurred in Scott county, Indiana, July 26, 1856, his parents being George and Sarah A. (McKee) McCullough. The father was born in South Carolina, July 3, 1826, and the mother's birth occurred in Kentucky, in November, 1827. In his childhood George McCullough went to Indiana with his parents, while the mother of our subject was reared in Ohio. They were married in Preble county of the latter state, October 15, 1850, and, removing to Indiana, there made their home until 1858, when they came to Page county, Iowa, arriving here on the 8th of May of that

year. Mr. McCullough had visited the county in the previous year and had purchased a farm near Braddyville in Amity township. When he returned the following year he made permanent location thereon, it continuing to be his home until his death, which occurred April 7, 1904. The mother still survives and makes her home with her youngest son on the farm where she located a half century ago.

George McCullough was quite extensively engaged in general farming and in feeding and raising cattle and was one of the enterprising and representative business men of the community. He served as a trustee of Amity College for nearly a quarter of a century and was secretary of its board for a number of years. He also filled the position of county commissioner for a number of years and discharged every duty that devolved upon him in an official way in a most prompt and capable manner. His early political support was given the republican party, but in the latter part of his life he supported the prohibition party. While in Indiana he assisted in the operation of the underground railroad, whereby many negroes were aided in their efforts to secure freedom in the north, and during the Civil war he served on the home guard. He was identified with the United Presbyterian church throughout his entire life and was one of the first members of the congregation in Page county to which he belonged.

In his family were nine children: J. M., who is living in Amity township; Margaret I., the wife of J. F. Reid, of Wyoming; G. A., of this review; Nancy J., the wife of T. C. Shannon, of Amity township; Matthew Wilson, who died at the age of eighteen months; Martha E., the wife of John Farquahar, of Colfax township; James William, living in Amity township; Joseph, who is upon the home place; and Mollie, the wife of W. B. Garrett, of Amity township.

G. A. McCullough was only about two years old when the family removed from Indiana to Iowa and he has since resided in Amity township. He was reared to the occupation of farming and remained upon the old homestead until his marriage. At that time he took up his abode upon a farm three miles east of College Springs, there cultivating two hundred acres of land, which he yet owns. Year by year he carefully managed and developed the property, making his home thereon until 1905, when he came to College Springs. He also owns forty acres north of College Springs, which he cultivates. He has been one of the trustees of the United Presbyterian church for the past twelve years and is active in its work, a fact which indicates that his attention is not given wholly to business affairs nor is his nature a self-centered one. He rejoices in what is accomplished along the lines of moral development and improvement and cooperates in many measures for the public good.

On the 9th of November, 1882, Mr. McCullough was united in marriage to Miss Nettie White, who was born in Ohio and died twenty-two months after their marriage, leaving a little daughter, Ethel A., who is now the wife of Murray Grove, of Pennsylvania. On the 31st of March, 1887, Mr. McCullough was again married, his second union being with Eva McKinley, who was born December 21, 1858. She is a native of College

Springs and a daughter of J. W. McKinley. There were three children born of this marriage: Agnes; John, who died in infancy; and George William.

Mr. McCullough is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county and as the years have gone by his cooperation in public affairs has been of material benefit to this part of the state. He is recognized as one of the representative agriculturists of the community, being a man of strong purpose, who carefully formulates his plans and carries them forward to successful completion.

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### CHARLES S. FOSTER.

Industry and enterprise—the salient features in the life record of Charles S. Foster—have brought him a creditable measure of success and made him locally prominent in Clarinda. He now is the owner of a feed yard which covers a quarter of a block and is doing a good business. His birth occurred in Henderson county, Illinois, near Monmouth, on the 3d of October, 1856, his parents being Mathew R. and Mary F. (Leslie) Foster. The father was a farmer, following that occupation as a life work but is now deceased. The son pursued his education in the public schools, remaining under the parental roof through the period of his boyhood and youth. He was about nineteen years of age when in 1875 the family came to Page county and he finished his education in this state as a student of Amity College in College Springs. After putting aside his text-books, he turned his attention to farming on a place of his own. This he conducted for sometime, or until 1889, when he entered a general store with his brother-in-law, Mr. Love, conducting this business at Coin, for five years. He was also proprietor of a livery stable at Coin for a year, at the end of which time he entered the service of E. F. Rose in the lumber business, being thus engaged for two years.

In 1897 Mr. Foster's worth as a citizen led to his selection for public office. He was chosen by popular suffrage to the position of sheriff of Page county and that he discharged his duties fearlessly and faithfully is indicated by the fact that he was twice reelected, serving in all for three terms or six years. On his retirement from the office he was given a position by G. William Richardson, a lumber merchant, with whom he continued for four years and in 1908 he bought a feed yard which covers a quarter of a block. This he has since conducted and is now accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 20th of February, 1879, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Olive Patton, of College Springs, Iowa, a daughter of James C. Patton, who was formerly identified with agricultural interests but is now living retired at College Springs. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been born four children: Glenn R., who is a student in Colorado College at Colorado Springs; Gertrude M.; Porter P.; and Fern F., at home. The family circle

yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. The parents hold membership with the Presbyterian church, in the work and activities of which they are much interested, cooperating in every movement for the growth of the church and the extension of its influence. For the past two years Mr. Foster has served as elder. His interests center in Clarinda and a life of well directed thrift and activity has made him one of the substantial citizens here. He has many sterling traits of character which have won him the warm regard and stanch friendship of many with whom he has come in contact.

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#### AXEL HART.

With the agricultural interests of Fremont township Axel Hart is closely associated, being engaged in the cultivation and improvement of two hundred and ten acres of land, which he purchased in 1902 and on which he has since lived. He was born in Sweden, November 4, 1865, and is a son of John and Clara Hart, who, like many other residents of this section of Page county, claim Sweden as the land of their nativity. The favorable reports which they heard concerning America proved to them an irresistible attraction and in 1868 they came to the United States, settling first in Henry county, Illinois. As they learned more of the new world they felt that they might have still better opportunities in Iowa and in 1870 removed to Montgomery county, this state, where they lived for about a decade. Early in the '80s they removed to Fremont township, Page county, and John Hart became the owner of the farm upon which his son Axel is now living. He diligently took up the work of bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and was quite successful in his farming operations, at one time owning five hundred and twenty acres of the rich land of Page county, for as his financial resources had improved he had added to his original holdings, becoming one of the extensive and prosperous landowners of the community. This brought to him a handsome competence and in the spring of 1901 he retired from active life and removed to Essex, where he now resides.

The youthful days of Axel Hart were quietly passed, the public schools affording him his educational privileges, while he was trained in the work of the farm under the direction of his father. After putting aside his textbooks he remained at home and assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm until the spring of 1889, when he started upon an independent business career, renting land. He was thus engaged in farming on his own account for fourteen years, during which time his industry and careful expenditure brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land. In the spring of 1902, therefore, he purchased the old Hart homestead of two hundred and ten acres, to which he removed and upon which he has since lived. Something of his business ability and his thorough understanding of modern agricultural methods is indicated in the neat and thrifty appearance of the place. The fields are well tilled, the buildings are kept in good repair and high grades of stock are handled. He has been quite suc-

cessful and all of the grain which he raises he feeds to his stock, now dealing quite extensively in cattle.

On the 27th of April, 1890, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Malmberg of Fremont township, and unto this marriage five children have been born, all yet at home: Gertrude, Alvin, Chester, Millicent and Winifred. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Swedish Mission church. In matters of citizenship he is public spirited and progressive and gives loyal support to whatever he believes to be right. He votes with the republican party and has served for several years as a member of the school board, being a stalwart champion of many measures that have been beneficial in promoting the interests of public education.

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### WILL E. WHITTAKER.

Will E. Whittaker is numbered among the older residents of Page county in years of continuous connection therewith, for through four decades he has resided within its borders. He has been an interested witness of the changes which have here occurred, wrought by time and man, and he has never withheld his cooperation from movements for the general good. He came to Iowa with his parents from Illinois, his birth having occurred near Rock Island, that state. He is a son of Robert and Susan (Wilkes) Whittaker, the former a farmer who in agricultural lines provided for the support of his family, continuing in that business until his life's labors were ended in death in 1888.

Will E. Whittaker had the advantage of educational training at Amity College at College Springs after he had completed his preliminary course in the public schools. He was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil, and when his school days were over he concentrated his energies upon farm work and was thus continuously engaged until 1898. Previous to this he taught school and for four years followed the profession in Iowa and Missouri. For some time he was associated with his father in farming operations but eventually purchased land on his own account and continued to till the soil, which responded in generous harvests. In March, 1898, however, he put aside the work of the fields and came to Clarinda, where he entered the real estate business with Greene & Greene and was identified with that firm one year and subsequently entered the real estate field on his own account, now conducting business as junior partner of the firm of Moore & Whittaker. His partner is J. L. Moore, who has been engaged in the real estate business here from 1904. They not only handle property but also conduct an exchange and insurance business and their clientage is growing, making their's a profitable work.

Mr. Whittaker was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Brownlee, near Coin, a daughter of Archie E. Brownlee, who devoted his life to farming but died

in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker have had no children of their own but have reared an adopted son, Clyde Warren, who is seven years of age.

Our subject and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is now serving on the official board. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has been elected to several local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. For four years he has acted as a member of the school board and during the latter half of the time has been its president, the interests of public education being materially promoted through his efforts. During his absence from the city he was elected a member of the city council, being chosen for the office on a ticket based upon pledges to pave and improve Clarinda in other ways. He stands for progress and improvement in every line, whether for individual interest in business circles or for the public good, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to advance Clarinda's welfare and upbuilding.

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#### GEORGE MAXWELL.

George Maxwell, a prominent and enterprising agriculturist residing on section 10, Grant township, is now serving for the second term in the office of township trustee. His birth occurred in County Donegal, Ireland, in August, 1849, his parents being George and Martha (Shaw) Maxwell, who spent their entire lives on the Emerald Isle. Wishing to take advantage of the excellent opportunities which he had heard might be enjoyed in the new world, George Maxwell of this review set sail for the United States in June, 1869, and after landing in this country made his way at once to Page county, Iowa. Here he first worked as a farm hand for three years and on the expiration of that period rented a tract of land, in the operation of which he was successfully engaged for four years.

On the 5th of December, 1875, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Julia C. Porter, of Grant township, Page county. Subsequent to his marriage he farmed his wife's property of one hundred and sixty acres and since that time has accumulated extensive landed holdings, being now the owner of three quarter sections of valuable and productive farming land. His success is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it has come entirely as the result of his own untiring and well directed labor, for when he arrived in this country his cash capital amounted to but one English sovereign. Placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of industry and perseverance, he has steadily worked his way upward until he is today numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of Page county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have been born six children, four of whom still survive, namely: George W., at home; Thomas W., who follows farming in Grant township; and Isabelle and Alice, who are also yet under

the parental roof. Those deceased are Sarah C. and John, who died in infancy.

Mr. Maxwell is a republican in his political views and is now serving for the second term as township trustee, while for many years he has been a member of the school board. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, and though he started out in life empty-handed he has gradually advanced toward the goal of prosperity, enjoying the advantages offered in this country, which is unhampered by caste or class. His steady progress has resulted from the able use of his innate talents and powers and of the opportunities with which he has been surrounded, and his life record proves that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously. He has now made his home in Page county for four decades and is well known and highly esteemed within its borders, having won the kindly regard and friendship of all with whom he has been associated.

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### JEROME B. ARMSTRONG.

In a review of American history, recognizing those who have contributed to the world's progress, it is imperative that mention be made of Jerome B. Armstrong. Perhaps no man has done so much in propagating corn and in this connection has received recognition from the department of agriculture in Washington and from many expositions. He is now the senior partner of the firm of J. B. Armstrong & Son, seedmen of Shenandoah, and is the pioneer in this line of business not only in Iowa but also in this part of the country.

He was born in New York on the 3d of July, 1831, and is a son of David W. and Sarah M. (Tredway) Armstrong. The ancestors of the Armstrong family were of Irish birth, while the Tredways were of Scotch lineage. Both families were founded in America in the seventeenth century, settling first in Connecticut. The grandfather of our subject and three of his uncles, two on the paternal side and one on the maternal, served throughout the Revolutionary war. Two of the number held commissions, seeing official duty in connection with the struggle for independence. One of the uncles was shot in the neck at the capture of Fort Ticonderoga and the bullet, passing through his body, ranged downward and was taken out of his back. He recovered from his wound, however, and lived to a good old age.

David W. Armstrong was the seventh son in his father's family. He was liberally educated, being a graduate in medicine from the Middlebury (Vt.) College. He afterward practiced medicine to the time of his death, first locating in New York at the fork of the Ausable river, which, at that time, was a very important mining district. Later he returned to Vermont and established his office at Shoreham, where he had previously lived and where he practiced for four or five years. He turned to Westhaven, Vermont, where he remained until 1848, when he took the old Erie canal to Buf-



falo and thence proceeded by way of the lakes to Detroit and over the first railroad which his son Jerome ever saw to Parma, Michigan, eighty-six miles from Detroit. This trip by rail consumed an entire day. There the father resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1869, when he was about fifty-seven or fifty-eight years of age. He had survived his wife, who passed away at the age of forty-five years.

Jerome B. Armstrong had one brother, A. D. Armstrong, who served through the Civil war in the Fifteenth and the Thirteenth Michigan Regiments. He was shot through the body at Pittsburg Landing but recovered and reenlisted in the Thirteenth in time for the battle of Corinth. Later he was with Sherman on the march to the sea and was captured and confined in Libby prison from the time of Johnston's capture until the close of the war. He died in Shenandoah, Iowa, when but forty-five years of age.

Jerome B. Armstrong was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of the Green Mountain state. He was a youth of sixteen years when his parents removed to Michigan. Prior to this time, however, he had worked as a farm hand, thus contributing to his own support as early as his tenth year, when his remuneration was only three dollars per month. At the time of the removal to Michigan he secured a clerkship in a store at Parma, where he was employed for about five years. His father had intended that he become a physician and with that end in view Jerome B. Armstrong began his studies under his father's direction, but destiny willed otherwise and one morning, after a talk with his father, he took the train for Galesburg, Illinois, where he secured employment in a grocery store as a laborer. After a week's work, however, he was placed behind the counter in the absence of one of the clerks and immediately demonstrated his ability to sell goods. He had hired to work at a salary of thirty-five dollars per month but when placed behind the counter his wages were increased to sixty dollars per month and two or three weeks later he was again promoted to a position in the wholesale department at a salary of sixty-five dollars per month. There he remained for four or five months when Galesburg received its city charter, and on the establishment of the police court he was asked to serve as clerk of the court, which position he filled for three and a half years. During this time he was appointed deputy United States marshal for the southern district of Illinois and in that capacity, through Captain R. N. Pollock, who was chief of police and United States marshal, he came frequently in touch with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, acting as private detective and special policeman.

In 1858 Mr. Armstrong came to Iowa as a representative of the Ellwanger & Barry Nurseries of Rochester, New York. Three years later, on account of his health, he returned to Illinois, rented a tract of land, bought horses and farm machinery and began farming, but in July following he suffered a sunstroke, which terminated his efforts along agricultural lines. In the fall of that year he returned to Michigan to consult his father relative to his eyes, having almost entirely lost his sight. His father gave him no encouragement and he then went to Detroit and consulted a special-

ist, who treated him with but little benefit. After spending almost all of his money he cast around for something to do and the result was that he engaged in the harness business with a man at Corunna, Michigan. Soon Mr. Armstrong acquired the entire business and became an expert harness-maker. In nine years he had not only secured an extensive stock but had saved five thousand dollars from his earnings. He then quit that line of business on account of his health and removed to Windsor, Illinois. In the fall of 1869 he started westward for Emporia, Kansas, on a visit to his brother-in-law in southwestern Iowa, but became attracted by the opportunities and advantages offered in Page county. Therefore he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of school land near what is now Shenandoah and the following spring removed to his new home, erecting a dwelling and breaking the sod. When he came to Shenandoah in 1869 the first two buildings were being erected, these including the old depot which Mr. Armstrong now owns. Returning to Illinois he engaged in the harness business for four years and then came to Iowa to make his home. Locating in Shenandoah he engaged in harnessmaking, conducting a successful shop here and also one in Coin. For thirty-four years he continued in the harness business, successfully conducting his trade along well defined lines of labor, his energy and ability bringing to him well merited success.

While Mr. Armstrong became locally well known in mercantile lines, he has gained world-wide reputation in connection with the propagation of corn. While in Michigan he began studying and experimenting along that line and after coming to Iowa and seeing one crop of corn matured which was the best he had ever seen up to that time, he took up the study of further improvement and has delved deeper and deeper into the work, studying and reading everything to be found upon the subject and putting forth many new, original and valuable ideas. The president of Ames College recently made a statement that the methods now taught in the college in the propagation of corn were the methods advocated and developed by Mr. Armstrong years ago, who at that time was fifteen years ahead of the times. It has been said by those who are competent to speak on the subject that there is not an acre of corn now grown in Iowa that does not have the Armstrong strain in it. From this beginning Mr. Armstrong gradually drifted to the seed business. As he became master in the work of propagating corn, in 1888 he began advertising his seed corn and thus started, he has since developed his present extensive business until today Shenandoah is recognized as the greatest seed corn center in the world. This is due entirely to the energy of Mr. Armstrong and his success along this line and his work of developing corn. Today Shenandoah ships seed corn all over the world and the name of Armstrong is known wherever corn is successfully produced. In 1898 he received a gold medal, the only one awarded to a grower of corn in Iowa, and a silver medal and all the other honors awarded at the Omaha Exposition for the best exhibit of corn. In 1905, when the National Breeders Association was formed, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who was then and is still president of the association, in his appointment of three official members from Iowa named C. F. Curtis.

president of Ames College, as the first, and Mr. Armstrong as the second. In 1908 Mr. Armstrong made a further experiment. He had planted one hundred and sixty acres of corn which was drowned out and on the 10th of July, simply as an experiment, he planted his second crop of corn, which developed and matured perfectly. There is no one more competent to speak in authority on the production of this great American cereal than is he. The value and worth of his work is inestimable for the production of corn is one of the greatest sources of the country's wealth and from America its use has been introduced into other lands, where it is becoming more and more popular.

Mr. Armstrong was married in Peoria, Illinois, on the 25th of July, 1860, to Miss Louise Hoag, of Galesburg, Illinois, who was a graduate of Knox College of that city in 1858. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have been born two sons and five daughters: Sarah C., the wife of Richard De Rouse, of Shenandoah; Grace, the deceased wife of William H. West; Orah, who resides at home; Mary, deceased; Jerome B., Jr., a member of the firm of J. B. Armstrong & Son; Carl, of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Louise, the wife of Calvin Sturtzbach, of Tampa, Florida.

In early life Mr. Armstrong gave his political allegiance to the whig party and was one of the organizers of the republican party, with which he has since been identified. He has never sought, however, the reward of office for party fealty. He is a member of the Shenandoah Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has assisted in instituting numerous lodges, being much interested in the work of the order. He has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey but seems a man of much younger years, being keenly interested in matters relative to the world's progress and especially in what is being done in agricultural lines. His own contribution to the world's advancement has been a notable and commendable one and will make his name honored for years to come.

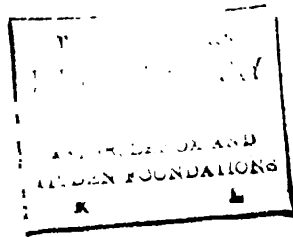
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#### THOMAS R. SHAW.

Thomas R. Shaw, filling the position of postmaster at Coin, is well known as a representative citizen of the town. He owns five acres of land where he lives and also ten acres near by. For a long period he was identified with general farming but in 1897 took up his abode in the town, and since 1896 has filled his present position. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, August 24, 1845, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Rinehart) Shaw, who were early settlers of Perry county. The father was a prominent agriculturist of that locality and the parents both died during the early boyhood of Thomas R. Shaw, who was the youngest of three children, the others being: Maria, the wife of John Baker, who resides at New Lexington, Ohio; and Harriett, the wife of George Essington, who is living at New Lexington.



T. R. SHAW



Owing to the fact that he was left an orphan at an early age, Thomas R. Shaw was thrown upon his own resources when a lad of ten years, being bound out to work for a farmer at that time. When the war broke out he ran away and enlisted. The man for whom he worked made no effort to get him to return for he believed that the boy would soon come sick of military life and return of his own free will. He did not, however, but continued at the front, serving throughout the entire war. It was on the 29th of September, 1861, at New Lexington, Ohio, that he was enrolled as a member of Company K, Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining the regiment at Zanesville. The Sixty-second went into camp at Camp Goddard, where they were drilled for three months and were then sent to Cumberland, Maryland, and proceeded down the Potomac to the Shenandoah valley. Mr. Shaw participated in the battle of Winchester; was under General Shields in the attack on General Jackson; also took part in the siege of Petersburg, the battle of Deep Bottom, the charge on and capture of Petersburg, and the battle of Appomattox where General Lee surrendered. He was also in the siege of Fort Sumter and in the reduction of Fort Wagner, one of the defenses of Charleston, South Carolina, where for gallantry and bravery he received a medal August 23, 1863—the day before the eighteenth anniversary of his birth. He was in a large number of skirmishes and although he participated in twenty-one different engagements in all he was never wounded nor away from his regiment. He acted as sergeant and color sergeant for a long time but was mustered out as a corporal, for the promotion was never regularly made. He was only sixteen years of age at the time of his enlistment and he still has the medal of honor presented to him. He was mustered out at City Point, Virginia, at the close of the war and at once returned to Perry county, Ohio.

Like many of the soldiers he gladly returned home when the country no longer needed his aid and sought to establish a home of his own by his marriage. On the 16th of November, 1865, he wedded Miss Sarah J. Lower, a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Lower, of Perry county. In 1866 they removed westward to McDonough county, Illinois, where Mr. Shaw rented land on which he lived for two years. During that period his industry and careful expenditure enabled him to gain a sufficient sum of money to purchase eighty acres and he made investment in McDonough county, where he lived for seven years, or until the spring of 1875, when he sold his property there and made his way to Page county, Iowa. There he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land near Coin. There was a house upon it when he took possession and he at once began to further develop and improve the place, remaining there for twenty-one years, during which time his carefully directed business affairs won him success in agricultural lines. On the expiration of that period he sold out and removed to Coin. Here, in October, 1896, he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley and through the intervening years has occupied the position, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have been born eleven children. T. Semma is the wife of Wesley K. Stitt, a resident of Marcus, Iowa, and they have

three children, Earl, Ruth and Dorothy. William died at the age of thirty-one years. Ella is the wife of James Adamson, of Coin, and they have four children, Arthur, Gail, Paul and Russell. Mary died at the age of two years. Inez is the wife of Ernest Veeder, of Illinois, and they have one child, Clark. John H., who is conducting a feed store at Coin, wedded Edna McMichael. Vannie is at home. Stella died at the age of twenty years. Jessie is the wife of G. F. Mitchell, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Coin. Charles is acting as assistant postmaster. Wellborn, who completes the family, is yet at home.

In the spring of 1909 Mr. Shaw erected a fine residence, which he now occupies and which is located in what is known as Shaw's addition to Coin. He and his wife have long been well known in the town and occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Shaw is a member of Warren Post, G. A. R., of Clarinda, and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is also a prominent member of the Methodist church and for many years has been president of its board of trustees. Starting out in life for himself when only ten years of age he has made steady progress in the business world and is now comfortably situated in life. Indolence and idleness, however, are utterly foreign to his nature and he finds pleasant employment for his time in discharging the duties connected with the distribution of the mails, performing his service in a most competent and satisfactory manner.

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#### JOSEPH E. HILL.

For almost a half century Joseph E. Hill has resided in Clarinda and through the intervening period has taken an active part in affairs relative to the general progress and improvement of the city and county. He is well known as a lawyer and representative member of the bar, while as mayor of the city he largely promoted its interests and in an unofficial capacity has also done excellent service for the interests of the community at large. He came to Clarinda in 1860 from Highland county, Ohio, where he was born February 26, 1844.

At the usual age Mr. Hill began his education in the public schools of Ohio, remaining there until sixteen years of age, when he came with a family of his acquaintance to Iowa and here worked on a farm until the outbreak of the Civil war. He watched with interest the progress of events in the south, noted the threatening attitude and resolved that if a blow was struck to overthrow the Union he would stand loyally in its defense. Accordingly in the opening year of the war he enlisted as a member of Company F, First Nebraska Infantry, joining the regiment as a private. With his command he was sent to Missouri in August, 1861, and participated in the battle of Black Water and in the operations of the army along the Mississippi. He was in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Cape Girardeau, St. Francis River, Jacksonport and in numerous skirmishes. This

brought him up to the winter of 1864-5 when, with his command, he was sent to the frontier to hold the Indians in check. His company was the first organized in Page county and he was in continuous service until the 1st of July, 1866. His military duty, therefore, covered five years, for the date of his enlistment was June 15, 1861. He was ever a brave and loyal soldier, fearlessly defending the cause which he espoused, and in November, 1865, he was promoted to the rank of commissary sergeant. Later he was made first sergeant and after leaving the service he returned to Clarinda with a most creditable military record.

On again reaching Page county Mr. Hill resumed farming operations and was identified with agricultural interests until the fall of 1870. He was appointed deputy sheriff in 1871 and served until 1874. In the latter year he was elected clerk of the district court and that he proved a most capable and trustworthy official is indicated by the fact that he was re-elected five times, serving altogether for ten years. He was then admitted to the bar and has since been engaged in general practice. His public service also includes four years in the office of mayor for he was reelected as chief executive of Clarinda. He gave to the city a business like and public-spirited administration with fair treatment to all. For four years he served as city clerk and was for eight years clerk of the interstate foreign commerce committee at Washington, D. C., and rendered valuable service there. In addition to his other public service he has acted as a member of the board of commissions of insanity for fifteen years. For twelve years he has been a member of the soldiers' relief commission, in both of which connections he has put forth effective and beneficial effort. He also does a large pension business, having nearly all of the patronage of this character in this vicinity.

Mr. Hill has been married twice, the last time to Miss Emma J. Spanangle of Clarinda. He has six children: Walter W., Elmer E., George G., Helen, Birdie B. and Joseph E.

Mr. Hill belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and wears the Grand Army button, holding membership in the post at Clarinda. His long residence in this city has made him very widely known and the value of his work is uniformly acknowledged. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil and he is today one of the most valued and representative citizens of this part of the state.

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#### WILLIAM S. SMILEY.

William S. Smiley, a well known and successful farmer residing on section 22, Amity township, is also engaged in dairying and stock-raising to some extent. He was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of February, 1849, his parents being Robert and Phoebe Ann (Patterson) Smiley, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. They came to Page county, Iowa, in 1864, taking up their abode



on the farm in Amity township where our subject now resides. Upon his arrival here the father first purchased a tract of sixty-three acres and six months later bought a quarter section of land adjoining. Several years afterward he further extended the boundaries of his property by an additional purchase of forty acres and through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests won a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, being called to his final rest in 1866 when forty-eight years of age. His wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1892, when she had attained the age of seventy-two years.

William S. Smiley was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, attending school during the winter months, while during the summer seasons he assisted in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. When eighteen years of age he attended the Amity Select School at College Springs, Page county, for one term, and after the death of his father took charge of the old homestead farm, being the eldest child in the family. He has always continued to reside on this place and several years subsequent to the demise of his father he bought one hundred and sixty acres from the estate, later disposing of forty acres thereof to his brother, Thomas A. Smiley. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also conducts a dairy business and likewise raises stock to sell to shippers. He feeds hogs and also has a fine flock of Shropshire sheep and in his various undertakings is meeting with a measure of success that attests his capable management and excellent business ability.

In 1871 Mr. Smiley was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McMichael, a daughter of William and Martha (Parker) McMichael, both of whom were born in County Antrim, Ireland. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1850 and after landing in New York made their way to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they remained for eight years. On the expiration of that period they came to Page county, Iowa, locating in Amity township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. McMichael secured a farm of one hundred and sixty acres by land warrant and was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Both he and his wife lived to attain the age of seventy-five years, passing away in 1884 and 1889 respectively. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smiley have been born six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: John Patterson, who is engaged in farming in Cass county, North Dakota; William Ross, a resident of Bottineau, North Dakota; Mrs. Martha Riley, living in Canton, South Dakota; and Robert, Samuel and Mrs. Anna E. McDonald, all of whom reside in Colfax township, Page county, Iowa.

Mr. Smiley exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and his fellow-townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. He has now held the office of township clerk for eighteen years and is likewise acting as secretary of the township school board, the duties of which position he has faithfully discharged for the past twenty-three years. He has

been a member of the township school board since 1879 and has done effective and valuable service for the cause of education. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the United Presbyterian church at College Springs, in which he is now serving as an elder, having been elected for a six years' term in 1908. Mr. Smiley has been a resident of Page county for about forty-five years and during this long period has witnessed much of the growth and development of the district from a wild region into one of rich fertility, while thriving towns and villages have sprung up and the county has been placed in the front rank among the counties of the state. The prosperity which he now enjoys is well merited, for he has ever followed the most honorable business methods in his dealings with his fellowmen and therefore enjoys the high regard of all with whom he is brought in contact.

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### J. F. MARTIN.

J. F. Martin, a respected and prominent resident of Clarinda, now living retired, was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on the 9th of January, 1845, his parents being Frederick and Maria (Walters) Martin, who were also natives of that place. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents spent their entire lives in Hanover. Frederick Martin, the father of our subject, followed agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood and three years after the death of his first wife was again married, afterward emigrating to the United States in 1853. He settled in Cook county, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, passing away two years afterward. He had been accompanied on the voyage to the new world by his two sons, J. F. and Henry. The latter was twice married, his first union being with Miss Maggie Kennett, by whom he had six children, of whom three daughters and one son still survive. Subsequent to the death of his first wife he wedded Mrs. Hattie Bonham and they make their home at College Springs, Iowa.

J. P. Martin was a little lad of eight years when brought to the United States by his father and stepmother and obtained his education in the district schools of Cook county, Illinois, where the family home was established. When fourteen years of age he put aside his text-books and afterward turned his attention to the work of general farming and, with the exception of two years spent in Chicago, was actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Cook county until he had attained the age of twenty-four years. In the meantime, the Civil war having broken out, he offered his services in defense of the Union but was rejected because of his slight stature. The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Harlan township, Page county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres in 1870. It was all prairie land but he resolutely set to work and gradually transformed the place into a rich and productive farming property, there successfully carrying on his agricultural and stock raising interests until 1894. He then bought the John

Morlin farm, situated a mile and a half west of his place, and continued to reside thereon until 1903, when he retired from active labor and came to Clarinda, where he has since made his home, owning a fine residence on Sixteenth street. He still owns both of his farms, which he rents, and is a stockholder in the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank.

On the 30th of March, 1871, in Harlan township, Page county, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Pollock, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John and Margaret (Donahue) Pollock, both of whom were born in Ireland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin have been born seven children, as follows: R. J., residing southwest of Clarinda, who married Elizabeth Young and has two children, Harold and Annie; W. G., who also lives southwest of Clarinda and wedded Miss Emma Kaufman, by whom he has four daughters, Velma, Mildred, Bernice and Gladys; Frank, who follows farming in Jackson county, Kansas; Bertha, living near Denison, Kansas, who is the wife of John Young and has one daughter, Pearl; Myrtle, living six miles southwest of Clarinda, who is the wife of Archie Tippin and has a daughter, Fern; Herbert, who wedded Miss Mary Black and lives on the home place; and Grace, at home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are valued members of the Reformed Presbyterian church and have an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the county in which they have so long resided. Mr. Martin has fully understood the value of industry and close application and by reason of the exercise of these qualities he has advanced in his agricultural and financial undertakings until his success makes him one of the prosperous retired residents of Clarinda.

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### JOHN H. EISCHEID.

John H. Eischeid, president of the Iowa Wagon Company and vice president and secretary of the Economy Hog & Cattle Powder Company, doing business in Shenandoah, was born in Waterloo, Iowa, on the 8th of January, 1872. He is a son of John and Margaret (Haas) Eischeid, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. In 1869 they bade adieu to the fatherland and emigrated to the new world, bringing with them the one child who was born to them in Germany. Locating in Waterloo, Iowa, the father later engaged in merchandising there and was identified with that line of business until 1886, when he removed from Waterloo to Clyde, Nodaway county, Missouri. There he was engaged in the hardware and implement business up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1890. In all of his business affairs he was thoroughly reliable, enterprising and industrious and those qualities won him good success. In politics he was a stanch democrat, while in religious faith both he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. After losing her first husband Mrs. Eischeid wedded Peter Horig and resided in Washburn, Iowa, until her demise which occurred in 1907.

John H. Eischeid was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools. After his father's death in 1890 he started out in life on his own account, entering the office of the Omaha & St. Louis Railroad Company at Shenandoah in 1893. There he learned telegraphy and was identified with this road as operator, agent and assistant agent until 1902. In 1902 he became associated with the Pacific Express Company and also with the Economy Hog & Cattle Powder Company, in a clerical capacity. In September, 1905, he severed his connection with the express company for his other interests required his entire time, and to the upbuilding of the business he has largely contributed through his enterprise, careful management and diligence. In 1907 he acquired an interest in the business and was made vice president and secretary of the company. He is also the president of the Iowa Wagon Company and is a stockholder in the Commercial National Bank.

Mr. Eischeid is a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., and is its treasurer. He also belongs to Nishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W., and is a member of the Catholic church. His political allegiance is given to the democracy but he has never sought nor desired office. Pleasantly situated in his home relations he was married in 1897 to Miss Ella Schurtz, of Shenandoah, and unto this marriage have been born two children, Mark and Sarah Margaret.

Mr. Eischeid owes his advancement and success in life entirely to his own labors. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone by and his efforts have made him a forceful factor in commercial circles, winning him a creditable measure of prosperity.

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#### W. T. GHEAN.

Prominent among the young and enterprising business men of Yorktown is W. T. Ghean, who is conducting a furniture and undertaking establishment at this place. He is a native son of Page county, born near Hawleyville, December 14, 1870, the second in order of birth in a family of four children, whose parents were W. T. and Martha E. (Grinnell) Ghean, the former a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, while the latter claims Bangor, Maine, as the city of her nativity. The father removed to Washington county, Kansas, from Page county and passed away in that state in 1890, at the comparatively early age of forty-seven years. The mother was afterward married to J. B. Hunt, their home being in Haddam, Kansas.

W. T. Ghean has but one surviving sister, Emma, now the wife of William Johnson, of Haddam, Kansas. Two sisters, Anna and Frances, died in childhood, the former at the age of seven years and the latter when three years of age. The son was reared in Page county to the age of nine years, his education being begun in the schools of this section. At that age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Washington county, Kansas, the family home being established on a farm. He remained un-

der the parental roof until he had reached the age of about twenty-two years and then went to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he secured employment with the National Biscuit Company, remaining with that firm most of the time for seven years. On the expiration of that period he went to Manhattan, Kansas, and for a time worked as clerk for W. Holt, a wholesale and retail grocer of that city.

During this time Mr. Ghean carefully saved his earnings so that he felt justified in entering business on his own account, and accordingly, on the 1st of February, 1909, returned to Page county, and purchased the stock of furniture and undertaking goods of J. W. Huell in Yorktown. Although he has been located here but a short time, he has already built up a good trade and his modern methods, push and square dealing will undoubtedly win him still greater success in the future. In August, 1909, he commenced the erection of a five thousand dollar business block, which is an indication of the business he has built up in Yorktown.

Mr. Ghean was married in January, 1901, to Miss Atha Bowers, a native of Riley county, Kansas, and a daughter of William H. Bowers. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ghean has been blessed with two little sons, W. T., Jr., and Everett Eugene.

Mr. Ghean gives his political support to the democratic party. Enterprising and progressive, his efforts meet with the approval of the community in which he lives and he is highly respected as a man and a citizen.

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#### FRED J. STEEVE.

Fred J. Steeve, who owns and cultivates a good farm in Harlan township and makes stock-raising a special feature of his business, was born in Henry county, Illinois, March 20, 1864. He is the son of Henry and Mary Steeve, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume in connection with their son. Under the parental roof Fred J. Steeve spent his youthful days, pursuing his education in the public schools and early acquainting himself with the best methods of tilling the soil and carrying on the work of the farm. He continued with his father until twenty-six years of age, when he started out in life on his own account by renting a farm in Knox county, Nebraska, where he lived for a year. His father then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Madison, Nebraska, and he removed to that place, where he lived for three years, after which he came to Page county and for four years carried on general farming on the old homestead. He then sold the farm in Nebraska and purchased the property upon which he now resides, becoming the owner at that time of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. With characteristic energy he began its further development and improvement and as his financial resources increased he made additional purchases until his place now comprises two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land in Harlan township. While he raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he makes

a specialty of raising stock and has some good grades of hogs and cattle upon his place. From this branch of his business he derives a substantial income for his keen discernment enables him to make judicious investments and profitable sales.

On the 15th of November, 1891, Mr. Steeve was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Ruechel and unto them have been born three children: Cordelia, Albert and Adolph, all at home. In his political views Mr. Steeve is a republican but has never sought or desired office. He served as school treasurer but otherwise has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and their capable management has brought to him the success which makes him one of the representative agriculturists of this community.

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#### HARVEY F. McCOWEN.

The business enterprises which contribute to the growth and development of Clarinda are on the whole conducted by men of energy, keen sagacity and determination. Among this class is numbered Harvey F. McCowen, who displays marked capacity for the successful conduct of affairs of breadth. He is today a partner in one of the most successful and extensive mercantile houses of the city, being a member of the firm of McCowen & Son, composed of himself and his father, Noah McCowen. They carry a large line of furniture, carpets and undertakers' supplies and their trade is constantly increasing.

Noah McCowen, the senior partner, removed westward from Darke county, Ohio, to Page county, Iowa. He was the son of a farmer, and he and his brothers entered land on the removal of the family to the west. They came here in pioneer times when the settlers were but few and far between, while the work of general improvement seemed scarcely begun. Like his brothers, Noah McCowen took up farm work as a life occupation and is today the owner of three hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land in Page county, to the development and cultivation of which he still devotes his energies. In all of his work along agricultural lines he has displayed a thorough understanding of modern methods and has capably used the best means at hand to render his fields more productive and his labors more profitable. In community affairs he has taken an active and helpful interest and while he has never sought political office he has served as school director. His worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged and his business enterprise is no less pronounced than his business integrity.

Noah McCowen was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Amanda Stone and they now have three sons: Harvey F., Jesse W. and James T. The last named is engaged in farming on the old homestead, while Jesse W., who married Nannie Herren, is also a resident farmer of Page county.

The eldest, Harvey F. McCowen, entered the public schools at the usual age and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the fields. He continued in close identification with agricultural interests

until 1901, when he removed to Clarinda and on the 28th of January opened the present store, in which his father is financially interested. He is now the active manager of an important business conducted under the firm name of Noah & Harvey F. McCowen. They carry a well selected line of furniture, carpets and undertakers' supplies and have a large and growing trade, their patronage having increased continuously from the beginning. Their trade is now gratifying and the business has been built up by reason of the enterprise of the manager, who has made a close study of the demands of the trade and has put forth earnest effort to please his patrons. His stock of goods occupies three floors in a building, twenty-four by one hundred and thirty feet.

On the 25th of February, 1901, Harvey F. McCowen was united in marriage to Miss Nellie D. Goudie, of Clarinda, a daughter of James B. Goudie, a real-estate dealer living at Twin Falls, Idaho. Mr. McCowen belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen camp and is also affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. He is truly a self-made man, for while the financial condition of his father did not force him to enter the struggle for subsistence at an unusually early age, he has gradually worked his way upward until he has gained that success which is ever the sure reward of diligence, perseverance and industry. As a business man and as a private citizen he enjoys the good will and high esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact.

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#### REV. HENRY GUENTHER.

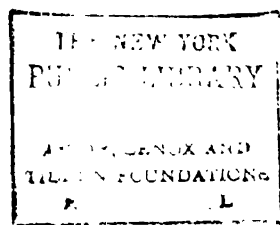
Rev. Henry Guenther is a local minister of the United Brethren church and also a well known farmer of Harlan township, living on section 35, where he owns ninety acres of good land. He has developed this place from the brush, made all of the improvements upon it and is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil, while his son Alfred has the active management of the farm. Mr. Guenther is a native of Alsace, France, now Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 1st of March, 1837. His parents were Henry and Lizzie (Walter) Guenther, who were also natives of that locality and spent their entire lives there, the father devoting his time and energies to the occupation of farming.

Rev. Henry Guenther was an only child and in the acquirement of his education entered the Strassburg University, but when his mother died he put aside his text-books for the father was the owner of only a small farm and was not able to pay his way longer. In his early manhood Mr. Guenther served in the French army for seven years and during that period participated in the French and Austrian wars when France and Italy were allies, continuing in the service from 1857 until 1863 inclusive. On receiving an honorable discharge he returned to his home. In the same year—on the 2d of July, 1863—Mr. Guenther was married to Madaline Shank, a native of Alsace, France, born May 2, 1842. On the death of his father



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Mr. Guenther decided to join his brother-in-law, Peter Shank, who had previously come to America, and with his wife and three children he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, making his home at Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois, in 1866.

As his financial resources were very limited and necessity rendered it imperative that he secure immediate employment, he worked as a farm hand for three years and then gained his start in life in this country. In 1871 he removed to Page county, where he has since resided. Here he was employed as a laborer and was also a local preacher of the United Brethren church for twelve years, receiving his license to preach after coming to this county. In 1879 he bought his present home farm, becoming owner of one hundred and thirty acres, but he has since disposed of forty acres to his son. He still owns ninety acres, constituting a valuable and productive tract. When he obtained possession thereof, however, it was covered with brush, but this he cleared away and placed the land under cultivation. From time to time he made modern improvements and as the years passed met with creditable success in his undertakings. His son Alfred now operates the farm, while the father is living practically retired, enjoying well earned and well merited rest.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Guenther have been born eight children: Lena, the wife of Fred Prigga, a farmer residing in Nodaway township, this county; Lizzie, the wife of William Frosbrink, of Clarinda; William Henry, who is located in Colorado; Peter, a resident of Jefferson, Iowa; George, who is living in this township; Maggie, the wife of Louis Frosbrink, of Hiawatha, Kansas; Alfred, who is cultivating the home farm; and Clarence, living in Harlan township. The three eldest were born in France, the next two in Illinois and the others in Page county.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Guenther has given stalwart allegiance to the republican party and has done active campaign work in its behalf for he believes that its platform contains the best principles of good government. He has been a school director for twenty years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is yet actively interested in the work of the church, and high and honorable principles have characterized his entire life, winning for him a creditable position in the regard of his fellowmen. His example, too, is one well worthy of emulation, showing the force and value of an untarnished name and the worth of unfaltering diligence, whereby success can always be obtained.

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#### WILLIAM PETERS HEPBURN.

William Peters Hepburn, for twenty-two years a representative in congress from the eighth congressional district of Iowa and for fourteen years chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, was born in Wellsville, Ohio, on the 4th of November, 1833. His father was Lieutenant James S. Hepburn of the First United States Artillery, who was graduated

with the first class after the reorganization of the military academy in 1819. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Ann Fairfax Catlet, was a daughter of Surgeon Hanson Catlet of the United States Army and a granddaughter of Mathew Lyon, who represented the state of Vermont and Kentucky and the territory of Arkansas in the house of representatives. She was also a great-granddaughter of Governor Chittenden, who for nineteen years was the chief executive officer of the commonwealth of Vermont.

In his youthful days William Peter Hepburn became a resident of the territory of Iowa, his parents removing westward from Ohio and taking up their abode on a farm eight miles north of Iowa City in 1841. Today the state has the most perfect system of public education in the country but at that time its opportunities in educational lines were very limited and Mr. Hepburn received only such instruction as could be received in inferior private schools of Iowa City. His experience in a printing office also proved educative in a way for in the year 1849 he entered a printing office, where he remained for nearly four years. He then took up the study of law and it was in the path of that profession that he won distinction and honor, winning fame both as a lawyer and lawmaker.

In October, 1855, Mr. Hepburn was united in marriage to Miss Melvina A. Morsman, the eldest daughter of Dr. M. J. Morsman, and unto them were born five children. In February, 1856, Mr. Hepburn removed with his family to Marshalltown, Iowa, and there entered upon his public career, being elected chief clerk of the Iowa house of representatives in January, 1858. In the fall of the same year he was chosen district attorney of the eleventh judicial district, then comprising twelve counties. In 1860 he was a delegate to the national republican convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln in Chicago and throughout that year he watched with the keenest interest the progress of events in the south, noting the threatening attitude of the states which later organized as the Southern Confederacy. A few months after the outbreak of hostilities, when it was seen that the war was to be no mere holiday event but a long and severe struggle for supremacy, Mr. Hepburn enlisted in August, 1861, being mustered into the volunteer service of the United States as captain of Company B, Second Iowa Cavalry. He was promoted later to the rank of major and afterward to lieutenant colonel and he also served upon the staff of Colonel and Brigadier General Philip H. Sheridan and of Major General Rosencrans.

After the war Colonel Hepburn remained in Memphis until June, 1867, when he returned to Iowa and located in Clarinda. Here he engaged in the publication of a newspaper and in the practice of law and from that time forward has been a leading factor in the public life of the state, leaving the impress of his individuality as well upon the legislative history of the nation. In 1880 he was elected a representative from the eighth district and in 1886 he was defeated for the office. In April, 1889, he was appointed by President Harrison solicitor of the treasury, in which position he remained until he became a member of the fifty-third congress. He served continuously in congress for sixteen years, all the time a member of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce and for fourteen years was its chairman.

During his chairmanship the Nicaragua-Panama canal, the national quarantine laws, pure food laws, the safety appliance laws, the sixteen hour law, Hepburn bill, interstate railway regulation laws, the act creating the department of commerce and labor with its dominating bureau of corporations, the laws promoting the revenue cutter service, the laws making prominent and effective the marine hospital and public health service, were enacted, improved or made more effective. Mr. Hepburn retired from congress with the sixtieth.

In commenting upon his official record the Afton (Iowa) Star-Enterprise said: "If we look at Mr. Hepburn's record it will be found that upon a great many of the questions pending before the congresses of which he has been a member, beginning with the first, he has participated in the discussions, doing his best to get what he considered legislation of benefit and value to the country and the people.

"He has introduced many bills of a public nature, in addition to those private ones interesting peculiarly some of his constituents. The bills relating to or creating national quarantine; the board of health; the investigation of particular diseases, many of them he introduced and all of them he aided in perfecting; the various safety appliance acts; the law fixing the hours of labor on railroads; the act creating the department of commerce and labor, have all had his support in committee and in the house by vote and voice.

"He is the author of the original act as it passed the house providing for the Isthmian canal; the pure food law is his—that is, he framed the bill and was diligent in advocating this legislation. The railroad rate law he introduced and gave very vigorous support in committee and on the floor, and the appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars to enable the attorney-general to investigate and prosecute the trusts and combinations, was made by an amendment drawn by Mr. Hepburn.

"In the forty-ninth congress he aided in the passage of the law creating the interstate commerce commission, and from time to time he has supported amendments to that law to strengthen it and make the statute more effective.

"The records show that during the time Mr. Hepburn has been a member of congress he has introduced one hundred and sixteen public bills. Thirty of them have become laws. He has introduced a great many private bills granting or increasing the pension of veterans of the Civil war. More than fifty of them have passed both houses and become laws.

"In the United States there are now about six hundred buildings owned by the general government, less than one and a half on an average to each of the three hundred and ninety-one congressional districts. Mr. Hepburn has secured three of these six hundred public buildings and an appropriation for two others. When the appropriation for the government building at Council Bluffs was made, Pottawattamie county was in the eighth district. Mr. Hepburn secured that building very early in his congressional career.

"He next secured a building for Creston; and a division of the federal court of that city; then an appropriation for a building at Centerville, next

an appropriation for his home town, Clarinda, and an appropriation for one at Shenandoah. Evidently he has been industrious along this line, otherwise he could not have been able to get five public bulidings when the average is less than one and a half to the district. The people of these towns will no doubt say that Mr. Hepburn has done something for his district and the fifty or more old soldiers whose pensions have been increased by special legislation owing to their congressman's efforts will say that he has done something for them.

"In the matter of installation and extension of the rural mail service in his district, Mr. Hepburn certainly has been industrious. In this he has been able to do as much for his people, for the farmers and their families as any member of congress, and a great deal more than the majority of congressmen. The eighth Iowa district ranks among the first of all the districts of the United States. In the number of rural routes our people have better service than most communities. This district now has in successful operation two hundred and forty-four rural mail routes, an average of a little more than twenty-two to each of the eleven counties. A number of the counties have complete county service and there are comparatively few farmers in this whole congressional district who do not have advantage of a daily mail brought to their homes by a carrier in the postal service. Without doubt farmers of this district will not charge Mr. Hepburn with neglecting their interest in this work; on the contrary they are generally convinced that he has been diligent and active in securing for them this service."

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#### MARTIN H. STEEVE.

Martin H. Steeve, who owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres situated on section 22, Douglas township, is devoting his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising. He was born on the farm upon which he now resides on the 6th of October, 1880, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Bente) Steeve, natives of Germany. The parents came to America at an early date and located upon the farm now in possession of their son, which they improved and upon which they both passed away, the father's death occurring in 1893 and the mother's two years later. In their family were thirteen children, of whom nine are yet living.

Martin H. Steeve was reared to farm life and obtained his education in the common schools of Douglas township. He was left an orphan at the age of fifteen years and since that time has been entirely dependent upon his own resources. Wisely taking up the occupation to which he had been reared as a life work, he has been engaged continuously in agricultural pursuits and has met with a gratifying measure of success. He now owns the old homestead farm of two hundred acres located on section 22, Douglas township, and through his untiring industry and his well directed efforts he has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and the farm is one of the well improved and valuable ones of this township. He also

gives considerable attention to raising and feeding hogs, and this branch of his business is proving a very profitable source of revenue to him.

On the 4th of January, 1905, Mr. Steeve was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Goecker, a native of Nodaway township and a daughter of John and Mary Goecker, mention of whom is made on another page in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Steeve have become the parents of one son, Guy J., who is the light and life of the home. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and are held in high esteem throughout the community for their many excellent traits of heart and mind. Mr. Steeve is independent in politics, casting his ballot at the polls for the men and measures which in his estimation will best conserve the general welfare. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have no attraction for him, as he prefers to devote his entire time and thought to the conduct of his private affairs. He is a man whose career has been inspired by laudable ambition and whose enterprise and aggressiveness have stood him well in the battle of life, won him the prosperity which he now enjoys and placed him in the foremost rank as a representative citizen in the community where his entire life has been spent.

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#### U. G. REININGER.

One of the leading industrial plants of Shenandoah is that of the Iowa Wagon Company, of which U. G. Reininger is general manager. He has sought success along well defined lines of trade and what he has accomplished is a result of the fit utilization of the innate talents and powers which are his. He was born in Boone county, Iowa, January 24, 1869, a son of Joseph L. and Jane (Hyde) Reininger, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The mother was of Scotch and English extraction, while the father was of German lineage. He came to Iowa as a young man directly after the Civil war and located in Boone county, where he remained for a number of years. The lady whom he wedded had come to this state in her girlhood days with her parents, who established their home in Clayton county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Reininger began their domestic life in Boone county, where they lived for four years, and about 1871 removed to DeKalb county, Missouri, where Mr. Reininger purchased a farm, continuing its cultivation through the succeeding decade. He then returned to Iowa and located at College Springs, Page county, that he might give his children the advantage of a college education. His wife died during the period of their residence there and about 1895 the father came to Shenandoah, where he continued to make his home until his demise, on the 28th of June, 1908. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. In antebellum days he was an unfaltering opponent of the system of slavery, fearlessly advocating his views at a time when to do so

was to win the epithet of a "black abolitionist." His mother was a cousin of Peter Cartwright, a great evangelist, and it is possible that through this branch of the family came Mr. Reininger's firm purpose and unfaltering devotion to what he believed to be right. Mrs. Reininger, the mother of our subject, had five brothers who were in the Civil war. One was killed at Lookout Mountain; one spent twenty-three months in Andersonville and Libby prisons; one died in Andersonville; and two returned home. Our subject has one sister living, Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Kansas City, whose husband is president of the Bank of Commerce of that place, which is the largest bank west of the Mississippi. They have two daughters, Pauline and Virginia, both at home and attending school.

U. G. Reininger was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools and at Amity College, College Springs, Iowa, where he attended for six years. During that period he became interested in newspaper work and after leaving college he established a country paper called the Current Press at College Springs. Three years later he sold his interest there and went to Blanchard, purchasing a newspaper plant and publishing the Photo. He remained there for only a year when he disposed of the plant and came to Shenandoah to accept the position of manager and assistant editor of the Sentinel. Nine years he continued in that position and under his control the circulation of the paper was built up, being increased from seventeen hundred to over forty-five hundred, the Sentinel becoming recognized as the best and most influential country newspaper published in the state of Iowa and one of the best in the United States.

During these years Mr. Reininger, in connection with Earl R. Ferguson, became one of the most prominent factors in promoting Shenandoah's industrial development, using the columns of his paper to exploit the interests and advantages of the city and thus securing the establishment of different business enterprises here. He has indeed figured prominently in connection with the evolutionary activities, his work being of lasting benefit to the town. The first business enterprise established here through their efforts was a Hail Insurance Company, which operated successfully for some years. Later a company was organized for the buying of poultry, etc., and afterward an Independent Mutual Telephone Company was organized with over twelve hundred subscribers. Then came the Shenandoah Light & Gas Company, the Swanson Manufacturing Company, the Wagon Works and the Shenandoah Brick & Tile Works, and at all times Mr. Reininger was active in securing the establishment of these business concerns which have been most valuable features in the commercial and industrial life of the city. He is now secretary and director of the Shenandoah Brick & Tile Company which, at this writing, is entering upon arrangements for a consolidation with the Lake & Cotrill Brick & Tile Company. He is also the general manager of the Iowa Wagon Company, which has a large output, the business constantly increasing under his capable control. He is a man of determined purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His energy is marked, his courage undaunted and his persistency unfaltering.

Mr. Reininger manifests much of the leading qualities in his political activity. Since his sixteenth year he has taken an active part in politics, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the political organization with which he is connected. In 1896 he had charge of the republican campaign and in 1900 was chairman of the county central committee. However, he does not draw the party line as closely as do others and has sometimes been called a democrat by the more partisan republicans. His attitude, however, is that of a citizen who desires the best good of all and believes in supporting the candidates whom he regards as thoroughly qualified to discharge the duties of the office. He does not believe in sacrificing the general good to partisanship and yet he never falters in the support of the principles in which he believes.

His fraternal relations are with the Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; Juniata Lodge, No. 195, K. P.; Council Bluffs Lodge, No. 595, B. P. O. E.; the Ancient Order of United Workman; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Woodmen of the World. He attends the Congregational church of which his wife is a member. He was first married in 1888 to Miss Katie Richards, of College Springs, and unto them were born three children: Beryl, the wife of F. D. Allen, a telegraph operator at the Wabash station in Shenandoah; Earl L., who is employed by the Pacific Express Company; and Harry, at home. On the 31st of October, 1907, Mr. Reininger wedded Miss Julie Hollemback, of Shenandoah. He is well known socially as a man whose good qualities are widely recognized, while his business standing is among the foremost, his energy, enterprise and ability bringing him into prominent relations with the industrial and commercial activities of the city.

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#### NOAH McCOWEN.

For more than a half century Noah McCowen has been a resident of Page county and has therefore been a witness of almost its entire growth and upbuilding. In the work of general progress he has also cooperated, his labors being particularly helpful in the line of general agricultural development. The careful control of his business interests has brought him substantial success and he is now the owner of four hundred and sixty-four acres of valuable land in this county, his home place being pleasantly situated on the Wall street road about two miles north of the public square of Clarinda.

Mr. McCowen was born in Darke county, Ohio, August 9, 1852, and in September, 1854, he was brought to this county by his parents, James and Hulda (Neely) McCowen, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. From the time of their marriage they resided upon a farm in Ohio until their removal to Page county. The father was born in Darke county, Ohio, August 14, 1822, and after coming to this state he entered



a large tract of land from the government and also purchased other farm property. His claim comprised three-quarters of a section and this, in addition to his various purchases, made him the owner of between five and six hundred acres. His entire life was devoted to general farming and stock raising and though he lived quietly upon his home place, his many substantial qualities became known to his fellow citizens, who manifested appreciation for his sterling worth. He passed away September 22, 1904, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. His widow, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, May 6, 1824, still survives and is residing upon the farm in Nodaway township, to which she was brought by her husband in 1856. They were the parents of four children: John, who makes his home in Nodaway township; Sylvester, living in Clarinda; Noah, of this review; and Mary E., the wife of Alexander Shum.

Noah McCowen was only two years old when brought by his parents to Page county and upon the home farm he was reared and remained with his father until twenty-two years of age, during which time he ably assisted him in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He was then married and for ten years thereafter he resided on a part of his father's farm, after which he purchased his present place in March, 1890, and has since made it his home. From time to time he has further invested in farm holdings and is today the owner of four hundred and sixty-four acres of land, all in this county. His home is two miles north of the public square of Clarinda, bordering the Wall street road and adjoining the state hospital on the north. He has here a fine home and good outbuildings, all of which were erected by him and stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. A spirit of unfaltering diligence constitutes the basis of a success which is most desirable. His fields are now well tilled and in addition to cultivating his crops he raises high grades of stock and adds materially thereby to his annual income.

On the 29th of October, 1874, Mr. McCowen was married to Miss Kittie Grinnell, who was born in Plover, Portage county, Wisconsin, October 27, 1857, and was about four years of age when brought to Iowa by her parents, Samuel and Susan (Lynscott) Grinnell, who were natives of Appleton, Waldo county, Maine. The father was born October 1, 1820, and the mother's birth occurred September 9, 1828. While residing in the Pine Tree state Mr. Grinnell followed the life of a sailor but subsequent to his removal to the west engaged in farming. On coming to Iowa in 1861 he settled first in Taylor county, where he lived for about five years, and then removed to Page county, where he continued to make his home until his life's labors were ended in death. He died June 16, 1868, and his wife, surviving him for about thirty years, passed away May 5, 1900. In their family were seven children: Martha E., who is the widow of W. T. Ghean and resides in Haddam, Kansas; Mary L., the wife of Samuel Pendergraft, of Buffalo, Wyoming; Delora, who died at the age of five years; Kittie, now Mrs. McCowen; Orren, who was a twin brother of Kittie, and died at the age of two and a half years; Nercilla H., who is the widow of William Webber and resides in Denver, Colorado; Samuel,

a resident of Buffalo, Wyoming; and Susan R., the wife of Robert Fullerton, also of Buffalo.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCowen has been blessed with three children: H. F., who is engaged in merchandising in Clarinda; J. W., of Nodaway township; and J. T., at home. Mr. and Mrs. McCowen are well known in this county where both have resided from early childhood and where their circle of friends is continually broadening as their circle of acquaintance is increasing. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has served as road officer and as school director, acting in the latter capacity for the past nineteen years. He has made an enviable record as an alert, enterprising business man, using his opportunities to the best advantage, and as the years have gone by he has won a creditable measure of prosperity as the reward of his well directed energies.

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#### REV. DAVID McKEE.

Rev. David McKee, whose life was devoted to the noble purpose of making the world better and so promoting the causes of civilization and Christianity, lives today in the memory of all who knew him and the influence of his life remains as a blessed benediction to those with whom he became associated. A native of Ireland, he was born April 10, 1821, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage. When he was four years of age his parents crossed the Atlantic with their family to the United States, settling in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Fourteen years later, in 1839, they removed to Mercer county in the same state and availing himself of the educational opportunities offered in the Mercer Academy, Rev. McKee thus qualified for entrance into the junior class at Jefferson College. He was there graduated in 1847 with a class of sixty-two members and the biographical history of the class as written by the Rev. A. G. Wallace, D. D., in 1887, contained the following: "Our class was much indebted for its good character to a few older and graver members. Among the prominent leaders of right-doing and good influence was David McKee. Good, thoughtful, studious, upright, kind, good-hearted and pious, he commanded the respect of all. No memory of foolish things lingers around his name. No blush need mantle his cheek as he recalls his college days. He is the son of David and Jane (Smith) McKee. His grade in class is indicated on the commencement program—valedictorian, Greek, David McKee. His right was not disputed. He was professor in Westminster College for three years, studied theology in the seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian church in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and was licensed by the presbytery of Pittsburg, April 19, 1851. He was ordained by the Philadelphia presbytery July 5, 1854, as pastor of the Fourth Reformed Presbyterian congregation. After a few years there he removed to the west and since 1861 has been pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Clarinda, Iowa. In his ministry he has won for himself a high standing in the community and

throughout the church. He has been an able pastor and a faithful defender of the doctrines of the Cross and a cordial, firm supporter of all the great moral movements of our day. The synod of 1885 honored him by making him its moderator. He has been a liberal writer for the press and has published a sermon on Ministerial Fidelity and Reward. September 3, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Gregg, daughter of David Gregg, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Around their table have been gathered three sons and five daughters."

The children of the Rev. and Mrs. McKee were as follows: David G., who is now engaged in the lumber business in Kansas City, Missouri; Mary M., the wife of W. M. Black, a resident farmer of Harlan township; Jane E., the wife of William Turner, of Bellevue, Idaho; James M., who died in infancy; Martha, who also passed away in infancy; Eda E., the wife of A. E. Hosack, a resident of Grove City, Pennsylvania; John A., who was born in 1870 and died in 1897 at the age of twenty-six years; and Anna K., now the wife of J. Ren Lee, who is living on the old homestead in Harlan township.

Rev. David McKee, who so long figured as one of the honored and representative citizens of Page county, always took a most active and helpful interest in its welfare and upbuilding. He contributed liberally toward securing the building of railroads through the county and in 1875 he raised the money with which to make needed improvements on the Page county fair grounds. He did not believe, as too many men of religious tendency have done, that the individual has nothing to do with this life but must continually prepare for a life to come. He realized that Christianity is living the best each day, doing good to one's fellows and striving for the inculcation of principles of honesty, integrity and morality into our everyday existence. He exerted a most wide-felt influence not only in the pulpit but through the example of his daily life and work. His entire career was characterized by noble purpose and kind deeds and he left the impress of his individuality upon all with whom he came in contact. Mrs. McKee still survives her husband and resides with her daughter, Mrs. J. Ren Lee.

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#### EDMOND WILLIAM WHITING.

There is much that was picturesque and interesting in the life history of Edmond William Whiting, who came to Page county before Shenandoah was founded or before the seeds of civilization had hardly been planted in the soil of southwestern Iowa. He associated with the vanishing Indians and hunted the wild deer over the prairies in those pioneer times and lived to see all the changes which have brought Page county to its present status of modern civilization and development. As the years have come and gone his sunny nature enabled him to enjoy life to the full. With no vaulting ambition prompting him to seek wealth, he lived contentedly, gaining much from contact with nature and association with friends, and at his death there



EDMOND W. WHITING



were hundreds throughout the county that felt the deepest regret at his passing.

Mr. Whiting was born at Sharon Center, Medina county, Ohio, July 31, 1831. His ancestry can be traced back to a member of the English nobility and to Mary Queen of Scots. He is also a descendant of Israel Putnam, whom he is said to resemble in many traits of character. He was a son of William and Lydia Whiting, and at his death was survived by his twin sisters, Mrs. Mattie Willoughby and Mrs. Mary Doughty, both of whom reside in Hotchkiss, Colorado, and are now seventy-four years of age. The mother was married again and two half-brothers of Mr. Whiting, Charles English of Hamburg, Iowa, and Simon C. of Oakland, California, are yet living.

Mr. Whiting was only a year old when in 1832 his parents removed to Missouri and in 1836 became residents of Adams county, Illinois. In 1844 Mr. Whiting arrived in Iowa and was closely associated with the interests of the southwestern portion of the state from that time. In his youth he was of a roving disposition and, leaving his boyhood home when but fourteen years of age, became a resident of Mills county, this state. Not long afterward he enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war. When examined for enlistment he stood on an ant hill, which brought his height on a level with the others in line and, being broad shouldered, he averaged well in size and so was not questioned as to age and was accepted. The regiment was sent to the front and he participated in the battles of Sante Fe, Bentonsford, Fort Puebla and Fort Laramie. His battalion made forced marches across the wilderness to the Pacific coast and their track at times could be traced by their bloody footprints in many rocky places. Footsore and weary, however, they at length reached their destination.

Not long afterward Mr. Whiting was mustered out owing to the close of the war and with some companions set out on horseback for Iowa, but on the way were captured by a band of Pawnee Indians. Through the influence of a young chief, however, they were liberated but were told to ride for their lives and, acting on this suggestion, they covered seventy-five miles the first day. They were thirty days in reaching the Missouri river.

Mr. Whiting took up his abode in Mills county, Iowa, in 1847, and there remained for five years. He enjoyed the free open life of the prairies and was fond of hunting and outdoor experiences. In 1852, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast, he went to California, where he spent four years in mining. Like the great majority of the men who proceeded to the Pacific coast at that time, he did not find the wealth that he sought and returned to Mills county. The remainder of his life was largely devoted to general agricultural pursuits and he completed his arrangements for having a home of his own in his marriage on the 19th of July, 1857, at Manti, Fremont county, Iowa, to Miss Augusta E. McConoughey, with whom he traveled life's journey happily for over half a century. In the autumn of 1858 they removed to Page county and took up their abode upon a tract of land which is now a part of the city of Shenandoah, but at that time deer were roaming over the prairie, which was starred with millions of wild flow-

ers in the month of June and covered with one dazzling sheet of unbroken snow in January. Mr. Whiting at once began tilling the farm, remaining thereon for ten years, after which he again went west to prospect for gold and was once more captured by the Indians. He did not find mining any more profitable there than in California and, returning home shortly afterward, removed to the place which has long been familiar to Page county citizens as Pleasant Hill Farm. He owned that property and continued to reside thereon most of the time until his demise. Mrs. Whiting still owns the home farm of eighty acres and also has three hundred and twenty acres in Kansas.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whiting there were born five children, but they lost their elder son, William E., then a leading physician, thirty-four years of age, and also their younger son, Bertie, then five years of age. The surviving daughters are: Florence G., now the wife of J. K. Baynes of Dearfield, Missouri; Nettie L., the wife of Charles Dewey of Shenandoah; and Linnie C., the wife of Edgar Boydston of Imogene, Iowa. A grandson, Ernest B., was also a member of the household and they adopted two little boys, Teddie and Freddie, now with Mrs. Whiting.

Mr. Whiting held membership in the Christian church and his life in his latter years was one of daily worship, his prayers and Bible reading being to him as necessary as his daily food. Even in his illness and delirium he read passage after passage from an unseen Bible. He led an upright life and was always ready to assist the needy, was honest as the day is long and was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. One of the local papers said of him: "He loved his home, was a quiet, easy-going, kindly man, a good citizen who little intruded into the noisy, busy world of affairs, and was highly esteemed for his sterling honesty and his genial, optimistic disposition." He passed away June 12, 1908, and after the funeral services, which were held in the Christian church, he was laid to rest in the Shenandoah cemetery. There remained to his family many cherished memories of good deeds and of a kindly, genial spirit, and there were in his life many characteristics worthy of emulation.

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#### J. CHESTER DOW.

J. Chester Dow, editor of the Current-Press of College Springs, was born in Harlan township, Page county, August 20, 1874. His parents were William C. and Lucinda M. (Lafferty) Dow, natives of New York and Ohio respectively. The father who came to this county in 1857, is now living with his son Chester, but the mother has passed away. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters.

On the old homestead in Harlan township J. Chester Dow spent the first eight years of his life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to College Springs, where he has resided continuously since with the exception of two years, from 1895 until 1897, spent in Riley county, Kansas.

He is a graduate of the public schools of College Springs and also pursued a business course in Amity College. He likewise spent two years in classical work in Amity College, which is now located at College Springs. He made his initial step in connection with the printing trade, entering the office of the Current-Press, of which the Rev. Burr was then the editor. After a few months he went to Kansas, where he assisted an uncle in a bank. On his return here he took up the painter's trade, which he followed for five years during the summer seasons, while the winter months were devoted to the printer's trade. During that time he carefully saved his earnings until they were sufficient to enable him to invest in business on his own account. On the 1st of January, 1904, he purchased a newspaper printing office, but on the 14th of February of the same year the plant was destroyed by fire together with all it contained. After six weeks Mr. Dow started anew and for two years conducted his office in the basement of a drug store. He then built his present home on Main street and has a well equipped printing plant, from which he turns out a most neat and attractive paper. The Current-Press is altogether one of the best country papers of this part of the state. It has a large circulation and is a good advertising medium and, moreover, is a readable journal, devoted to the dissemination of local and general news.

On the 19th of June, 1907, Mr. Dow was united in marriage to Miss Estella Stokesbury, a daughter of the Rev. J. W. Stokesbury, the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of College Springs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dow hold membership in the Methodist church and are greatly interested in its work, doing all in their power to advance its growth and promote its progress. Mr. Dow is a stalwart republican in his political views and has served as city clerk. He has been correspondent for the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and in business lines manifests a spirit of marked enterprise and excellent ability in solving intricate business problems. He gives to the public a paper thoroughly modern in every particular and the success which he is now enjoying in its publication is well merited.

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#### NORMAN W. CLINE.

Norman W. Cline, now living retired in Clarinda, was in former years extensively and successfully identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Page county. His birth occurred in St. Joseph county, Indiana, on the 25th of August, 1847, his parents being George W. and Harriet (Moon) Cline, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. The family is an old one in this country, several of the name having participated in the Revolutionary war. The paternal grandparents were Abraham and Mary D. (McCloud) Cline, the former being a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was of Scotch descent. They came to Iowa in 1855 and passed away in Boone county, this state, the death of Abraham



Cline occurring about 1883 when he had attained the age of ninety-two years, while his wife was called to her final rest about 1874.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cline, the parents of our subject, also made their way to this state in 1855, finding it largely an unsettled and undeveloped region of prairie and timber land. They located on an unimproved tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres, which they entered from the government at a dollar and a quarter an acre, and the father at once set himself to the task of bringing the property under cultivation and establishing a home in the pioneer district. In this arduous undertaking he was ably assisted by his two sons, Norman W. and William W., the latter being now a resident of Jewell county, Kansas. There were also two daughters who accompanied the parents on their removal to Iowa, namely: Barbara I., now living in Boone county, this state; and Harty F., who is deceased. George W. Cline first erected a log house of one room, fourteen by sixteen feet, with a fire place and sod chimney and also built a cattle shed. During the first year he had no crop but in the second year planted and fenced twenty acres of land, hauling the fence rails for a distance of eight miles. In 1866 he disposed of his farm for eleven dollars an acre and bought a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, which was partly improved and was located within five miles of his original property. There he successfully carried on his agricultural pursuits until the time of his demise, which occurred on the 14th of February, 1908, when he had attained the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he was a man of considerable local influence and prominence, serving as judge of election in Boone county and also as township trustee and school director. He was a consistent and valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also his wife, the latter passing away in that faith on the 12th of January, 1905, when seventy-eight years of age.

Norman W. Cline, who was a little lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Boone county, Iowa, there remained until 1877, when he made his way to Kansas. In that state he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he successfully operated for a year and a half and then sold the property for six hundred dollars. In 1879 he took up his abode on a partially improved farm of three hundred and eighty acres in Buchanan township, Page county, and during the period of his residence thereon brought the fields under a high state of cultivation, built a dwelling and substantial farm and also fenced the place. He made his home on this farm for twelve years, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and the raising of cattle, hogs and horses with gratifying success. On disposing of the property he bought a tract of land of four hundred acres in East River township, where he was extensively engaged in the buying, feeding and shipping of stock until 1901, when he sold the place. Subsequently he took up his abode on a farm of one hundred and ninety acres which he owned in East River township, making his home thereon until 1906, when he came to Clarinda and has here since resided in his handsome residence at No. 105 Garfield street. He

was also the owner of a farm of three hundred and seventy acres in Taylor county, which he disposed of before coming to Clarinda, and in 1908 he sold his one hundred and ninety-eight acre farm in East River township and purchased three hundred and fifty acres of land in Taylor county, which is still in his possession. The prosperity which has crowned his efforts and which now enables him to spend his remaining days in well earned ease has come as the direct result of his earnest, persistent and indefatigable labor in former years.

In June, 1872, in Boone county, Iowa, Mr. Cline was joined in wedlock to Miss Sarah C. Phipps, a daughter of George W. and Margaret (Benbow) Phipps, the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of Indiana. This union has been blessed with three children. Mack A., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Lovell, Wyoming, married Miss Maud Luker, by whom he has five daughters: May, Leta, Opal, Mildred and Carrie. George W. wedded Miss Eva Linebaugh and makes his home in Clarinda. They had four children, namely: Elva, Cleo and two who died in infancy. Nola A., the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Cline, is still under the parental roof.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cline has given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served as trustee and school director in both Buchanan and East River townships. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed throughout the entire community by reason of their genuine worth and have won the admiration and respect of all with whom they have come in contact. Through the successful conduct of agricultural and stock-raising interests he won the competence that now enables him to live retired, without recourse to further labor, in his beautiful home in Clarinda.

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J. B. RUCKER.

J. B. Rucker is a self-made man, who has worked his way up in business circles from a position as a farm hand to the owner of one hundred and fifty-seven acres of fine farming land located on section 25, Valley township. He was born in Monroe county, Ohio, August 28, 1856, a son of John and Jane (Windham) Rucker, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state, where they were reared and married. They had a family of four children but two of the number are now deceased and both parents have also departed this life.

It was in 1882 that J. B. Rucker of this review made a permanent location in Page county, he being then a young man of about twenty-six years. He had acquired his education in the common schools of his native state. When he started out on his own account he sought a location in the west, believing that the newer districts offered better opportunities than the more thickly settled eastern country. Accordingly, as above stated, he came to Page county and for three years worked as a farm hand. During this

time he carefully saved his earnings, for the object uppermost in his mind was to become the owner of land, and with this as an incentive to stimulate his efforts he worked earnestly until he found himself in possession of a sum sufficient to invest in one hundred and seventeen acres situated on section 25, Valley township. He has improved this place with modern and substantial buildings for the comfort of his family as well as shelter for his crops and stock, and altogether his is one of the splendid farms of this section of Page county. He carries on general farming and raises stock of all kinds, both branches of his business proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

To further establish a home of his own, about the time Mr. Rucker purchased his farm he also, in 1885, wedded Miss Emma B. Orme, who was born in Page county, a daughter of Nathan and Lucinda (Sharp) Orme, who were natives of Ohio but came to Page county in the early '50s. The father has departed this life but the mother is still living and makes her home in New Market, Iowa. They reared a family of six children. Two sons grace the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rucker: Allen, who graduated from the Shenandoah schools and is now on the home farm; and Windham B., who is a student at the Western Normal College at Shenandoah. Mrs. Rucker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Rucker is a democrat in politics and although he keeps himself informed on all public affairs he is not an office seeker. He is a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, one who has passed from a humble position to one of the prominent and reliable farmers and citizens of Page county.

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#### WILLIAM L. LUNDY.

Widely known and highly esteemed in the business circles of Clarinda, William L. Lundy is conducting a real-estate, loan and insurance office in connection with J. W. Cozad, under the name of the Clarinda Real Estate Company. He has resided in this city since 1880, coming to Page county from Lacon, Marshall county, Illinois. He is one of the native sons of that state, his birth having occurred in Putnam county, Illinois, on the 3d of March, 1856. His parents were Benjamin C. and Catharine (Haines) Lundy, the former a practicing physician. While spending his boyhood days in his parents' home, William L. Lundy pursued his education and then qualified for the conduct of a drug business, being admitted to that field of labor by license from the state board of pharmacists, successfully passing the pharmacists' examination in 1880. He then entered the drug business and for a number of years engaged in clerking in different drug stores but subsequently purchased a store which he conducted with continued success under his own name for nineteen years. His business enterprise stands as an unquestioned fact in his career. He has never regarded any position as final but rather as the starting point for new endeavor and his ready discrimination between the essential and non-essential has been

one of the most important elements in his success. Not all of his time has been given to individual interests in business affairs, for he has devoted considerable attention to public service. He acted for eight years as city clerk, his continuance in the office being proof of the trust and confidence reposed in him by his fellow-townsmen. In 1901 he was elected county treasurer and again for the succeeding three terms, making a total of seven years in that office. He retired from the position in January, 1909, with the confidence and good will of all concerned, for in the faithful discharge of his duties he had proven his loyalty and capability. For a long period he has been a recognized leader in republican circles and for three terms was chairman of the Page county republican committee. His work for his party has been of an effective nature but while he is a firm believer in its principles he never sacrifices the general good to partisanship nor does he place personal aggrandizement before the general welfare. Since retiring from office he has engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business under the name of the Clarinda Real Estate Company and is now associated with J. W. Cozad in the conduct of important interests of that character.

On the 21st of October, 1885, Mr. Lundy was married to Miss Alice C. Clement, a daughter of A. T. Clement, a leading merchant of Clarinda. They now have one child, Lorene, at home. Mr. Lundy is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. Few men in Clarinda are more prominent or more widely known in business circles than Mr. Lundy, for through a considerable period he has been associated with its development while by his own capable management and close application he has worked his way upward until he now occupies a place among the substantial and well-to-do citizens.

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#### ANDREW T. IRWIN.

Andrew T. Irwin, who for many years was closely associated with business interests, his careful control thereof leading to success that now enables him to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1833. He is a son of William B. and Jane (Ten Brook) Irwin, natives of Pennsylvania. The latter was a daughter of Andrew Ten Brook, who was born in New Jersey in 1772. Her mother bore the maiden name of Eleanor Correy and was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1776.

William B. Irwin was a blacksmith of McEwensville, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was thus closely associated with the industrial life of the community for many years. He died in 1888 at the age of eighty years. His political allegiance had been given to the democracy and for forty-five years he had served as justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, so that he "won golden opinions from all sorts of people." A lifelong member of the Presbyterian church he served

as one of its elders for many years and took a most active and helpful interest in its work. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, at the early age of twenty-five years when her son, Andrew, was but two years of age. There was also a daughter in the family, Mrs. Jane Smith, who died in Oklahoma in 1903. After the death of the mother the father married again, his second union being with Mary Reeder, a native of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, born in 1839. By this marriage there were five sons: Ellis L., who was a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war and is now deceased; John C., who became a member of the Fifty-third Pennsylvania Infantry and died while being held as a prisoner of war at Millen, Georgia, in 1864; James C., who was a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry and died in Louisville, Kentucky, about 1862, while serving his country; Henry R.; and Edward P., who is living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Andrew T. Irwin was reared in Pennsylvania, remaining in that state until he attained his majority. He supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the district schools, by study at McEwensville Academy, with the intention of preparing for the ministry but gave this up. Leaving school at the age of nineteen years, he afterward carried on farming until twenty-one years of age, when he removed westward to McDonough county, Illinois, where he acted as station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Prairie City, for sixteen years. In 1881 he removed to Shenandoah and accepted a clerkship with a grain firm—Burr & Randolph—with whom he continued for two years. He was afterward employed by another grain firm for six months, at the end of which time he became bookkeeper in the First National Bank and so continued for five and a half years. He next became assistant cashier of the bank in Templeton, Carroll county, Iowa, after which he returned to Shenandoah and acted as bookkeeper in the Shenandoah bank for several months. He then took charge of the business of the Home Building & Loan Association, acting as its secretary for eleven and a half years, at the end of which time he resigned on the 1st of January, 1909, and is now living retired. He has led a busy and useful life and his well directed energy, thrift and perseverance have brought to him the creditable measure of success which he is now enjoying.

On the 11th of December, 1856, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Everitt, a native of that county. Unto them were born two children: Kate, who is now principal of the Forest Park school of Shenandoah; and William E., who is manager of the Andrew's dry-goods store, the leading establishment of that character in Shenandoah. The family residence is at No. 402 West street and is one of the attractive homes of the city.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active and helpful interest in its work and make generous contributions to its support. Mr. Irwin has for twenty-eight years been one of the elders in the church and has also been one of its trustees. His political support is given

to the democracy and he is much interested in the political questions and issues of the day. He has served as secretary of the school board since 1895 and the cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend. He has been again and again called upon for official service in various connections and since 1888 has been honored as the secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge. He is much interested in literature, Dickens and Thackeray being among his favorite authors, and he has also been a great reader of history. He is today recognized as a man of broad intelligence and general culture, whose life in all of its salient characteristics is well worthy of emulation and regard. Without invidious distinction he may well be termed one of the foremost residents of Shenandoah.

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### LEWIS ANNAN.

Lewis Annan was born near Page Center in Page county, July 14, 1863, and has always resided in this locality, making his home continuously in Nodaway township save for his first year. He is now busily engaged in the conduct of Evergreen Farm, a valuable property north of Clarinda, and is likewise conducting a successful nursery business. He represents one of the old families of the county, his parents being John and Sophia (Myers) Annan, who came here at an early date. The father removed westward to Iowa from Jackson county, Indiana, in 1855, and is now one of the most extensive land owners of the state, having about fifteen hundred acres which is now occupied and cultivated by his children. It is all situated in this county and comprises some of the finest farm land in Iowa. He and his wife make their home in Clarinda, his extensive realty interests returning to him a very substantial and gratifying income which supplies him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He is classed with the foremost citizens of southwestern Iowa and his success is the merited reward of persistent and earnest labor, careful investment and keen discrimination in business affairs.

Lewis Annan was reared under the parental roof and in his youthful days acquired his education in the public schools. His business training was received under the direction of his father, who gave to his children the benefit of his experience and sound judgment. Lewis Annan was only a year old when his parents removed to Nodaway township and he has since lived within its borders, devoting his attention to farming and to the nursery business since he attained his majority. He now conducts a farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres just north of the corporation limits of Clarinda which belongs to his father and is known as the Evergreen Farm, appropriately thus styled because of the many beautiful evergreen trees upon it. He has conducted an extensive and profitable nursery business for the past seventeen years, handling fruit, shade and ornamental trees, about thirty-eight acres of the place being devoted to nursery stock, for which he finds a ready

sale on the market, as he has made a close study of the kinds of ~~sees~~ adapted to soil and climate. He likewise engages in raising Shetland ponies and has shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. He exhibits his stock at the fairs where he has won many premiums for he handles only those of high grade. Upon his farm he has excellent buildings, including a fine home, and the farm has been brought to its present high state of perfection through the efforts of himself and his father. Mr. Annan is now a stockholder in the Percheron Association of America and in the Columbus Percheron Association of Ohio.

On the 2d of April, 1891, Mr. Annan was united in marriage to Miss Nevada L. Behm, a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, born August 17, 1873. She came to this county when four years of age with her parents, William and Sally Behm. Her mother is now deceased but her father still survives and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Annan, who are now the parents of six children, Ethel, Catharine, John, Helen, Gladys and Mary. The family is prominent socially and the Evergreen Farm is one of the most hospitable of the county, their home being ever open for the reception of their many friends. The name of Annan stands as a synonym for business enterprise and progress, for the well directed efforts of its representatives have gained them a position of distinction among the successful men of the county.

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#### MRS. SARAH M. TURNER.

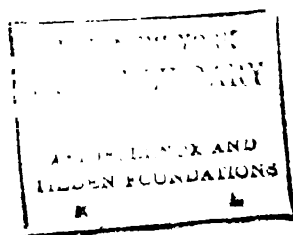
Mrs. Sarah M. Turner, residing in Coin, has many warm friends in the town and throughout this part of the county. She is the widow of William H. Turner, who was born in Vinton county, Ohio, August 3, 1842, and was a son of Andrew and Mary (Dixon) Turner, who were early settlers of Vinton county. The father was a miller by trade and during the boyhood of his son William he was accidentally killed in a grist mill, so that William Turner had to assume the burden and responsibilities of supporting the family, managing the property interests and attending to the farm, for he was the eldest son. There were seven children: Nancy and Amy, both deceased; Sarah; William H.; David; Mary J. and Andrew, who have also passed away. The mother died in 1862.

Soon after the death of the father the family removed to Stark county, Illinois, and there William H. Turner attended the public schools. He was a farmer throughout his entire life, which was a busy and useful one, his labors being crowned with a creditable measure of success. After arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Sarah M. Fantz, who was born in Stark county, Illinois, and was a daughter of George and Sallie (Springer) Fantz. Her father was born in Baden, Germany, and when thirteen years of age came to the United States with his parents, Michael and Elizabeth Fantz. They settled in Ohio, near Columbus, where the grandfather rented land, he and his wife spending their remaining days there. George Fantz and a younger brother then removed to Illinois, settling in Stark



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county, where they purchased land. They traveled westward with a family in a covered wagon and Mr. Fantz became identified with agricultural interests in Stark county, where he continued to engage in general farming until his death in November, 1888. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sallie Springer, was born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Springer, early settlers of the Keystone state. Later they became residents of Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Fantz were born twelve children: John, who is now living in California; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Richard Hare; Pollie, the wife of Joseph Armantrout, living at Duncan, Illinois; Noah, who died in Andersonville prison during the Civil war; Andrew, who died in Arkansas; Catherine, deceased; Lavina, the deceased wife of Wallace Steele; Mrs. Turner; Henry, who has also passed away; David, who is living in Atchison county, Missouri; Ellen, the wife of Arthur Wheeler, of Ellenwood, Stark county, Illinois; and Martha, the wife of Thomas Standard, whose home is in Pomona, California.

Mrs. Turner was reared in the county of her nativity, where she remained until nineteen years of age and during her girlhood days she mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools. She was married in Stark county, Illinois, May 31, 1868, and for a year they remained in that county, after which they removed to Iowa, settling in Nodaway county. A year was there passed, at the end of which time they went to Atchison county, Missouri, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. Upon that place they lived for nine years, when they sold their property there and returned to Illinois, settling in Peoria county, where Mr. Turner purchased two hundred acres of land. Through the succeeding decade his time and energies were devoted to the cultivation and improvement of that property and on the expiration of that period they disposed of their interests in Illinois and in December, 1888, came to Page county, Iowa, settling just west of Northboro, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres. Upon that farm they lived until 1899, when they again sold out and removed to the vicinity of Shenandoah, purchasing the old John Ross farm of one hundred and sixty acres. While living upon that place Mr. Turner died on the 13th of August, 1907, his remains being interred in the Blanchard cemetery. Recently Mrs. Turner has sold the farm for one hundred and forty dollars per acre. Following her husband's death, she removed to Coin in 1907 and has since made her home in the town.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Turner were born nine children: Mary, the eldest, is the wife of Peter C. Currey, living at Hopkins, Missouri. Hattie became the wife of Otto Miller, a resident of Oklahoma, and died in March, 1907, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving two children—Andrew and Fred. Virgil O. married Hattie McGarry and resides at Vivian, South Dakota, with his wife and two sons—Olin and Virgil. Delia is an accomplished young lady who resides at home with her mother, to whom she is most devoted; Alice is the wife of Mark Bloom, who resides on a farm formerly owned by Mrs. Turner near Shenandoah, and they had four children, of whom Lyman and Glenda are living, while Otto and Melvin are deceased.

Andrew married Maud McCord and with their two sons, Marvin and Tal, they reside at Coin. Marvin, who married Grace McGarry and has one son, Edward, makes his home near Blanchard, Iowa. Richard died at the age of four years and one child died in infancy.

Mrs. Turner is a member of the Methodist church and in past years took an active and helpful interest in its work. She first became a resident of Iowa in 1868 and has lived in Page county since 1888. In the intervening years she has become widely known and her many good qualities have won her a host of warm friends.

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### J. REN LEE.

J. Ren Lee, numbered among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Harlan township, his home being on section 14, was born in Fremont, Nebraska, December 20, 1869. His parents were James M. and Sarah M. (Johnson) Lee. The father was a native of the province of Ulster in the county of Monaghan, Ireland, born in 1833, and when twenty years of age he left the Emerald Isle and sailed for America, taking up his abode in Pennsylvania. Subsequently he removed westward to Wisconsin and afterward established his home in Nebraska but later came to Iowa and his death occurred August 16, 1909, in Clarinda. His widow is a native of Ohio.

J. Ren Lee was the second in order of birth in a family of nine children and was but two years of age when his parents removed from Fremont to Wahoo, Nebraska. He resided with them until twenty-five years of age and through the period of his youth attended the public schools and enjoyed such pleasures as the youth of the day indulged in. He also performed such duties as were assigned him by parental authority, spending some time as clerk in his father's general store. He was qualified for the commercial world by a course in the high school and in a business college, from which he was graduated. When twenty-five years of age he left home and began farming in Nebraska, where he remained until 1897, when he came to Page county and has since lived on the farm which is now his home and which was formerly the property of the Rev. David McKee. It is known as the Orchard Grove farm and is a valuable property of one hundred and sixty acres, on which is seen a fine grove together with a substantial dwelling that was erected by Mr. McKee and two barns that were built by Mr. Lee. He carries on general farming and stock raising and also owns an adjoining tract of land, known as the Lee Grove farm, of two hundred and fifty acres. He cultivates both places and is thus extensively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. In all of his work he is practical, enterprising and progressive and accomplishes what he undertakes, as the result of his determined purpose and unfaltering energy. In addition to his farming interests he is known as an active factor in business circles and his judgment is sound and reliable. He is now one of the directors

of the Lee Electric Light Company of Clarinda; a director of the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank; a director of the Clarinda Chautauqua and a stockholder in the county fair. He was one of the original promoters of the Electric Light & Heat Company, cooperated in the building of the plant and has since had a voice in the management of the business as a member of the directorate.

On the 5th of February, 1896, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Anna K. McKee, who was born June 26, 1871, on the farm which is yet her home. She is a daughter of the Rev. David McKee, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have become the parents of four children: Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Margaret, Dorothy Gregg and Gertrude Alice.

The family attend the Reformed Presbyterian church, in which the parents hold membership and in which Mr. Lee is now serving as an elder. His life is actuated by his Christian belief and conforms to the teachings of the church, so that he is straightforward and honorable in all of his business relations, loyal in citizenship, faithful in friendship and devoted to the welfare of his family.

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#### CHARLES H. OATES.

Charles H. Oates, for forty years a resident of Page county, is thus numbered among its pioneer settlers and, moreover, is classed with those whose efforts and labors have constituted a vital force in the county's up-building and progress. He is now a successful and enterprising merchant of Clarinda, enjoying a good trade as a furniture dealer. He was born November 5, 1855, his parents being John F. and Rebecca (Foute) Oates, both of whom were natives of Virginia. At an early date they removed westward to Ohio and after living there for some years sought a home in Page county, Iowa, where they arrived in 1869. The father was a wheelwright and followed that trade in early manhood but subsequently engaged in farming and continued to till the soil through the period of his residence in this state. He passed away in 1871, while his wife survived him for some time and died on the old homestead farm.

Charles H. Oates was in his youthful days when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. He pursued his education in the public schools until he had mastered the work of the grammar grade and later he continued his studies in the high school at Villisca. He then engaged in farming from that time until 1899 and through the period of his connection with agricultural interests put forth earnest, persistent effort in tilling the soil and in the cultivation of crops best adapted to climate and conditions here. Thinking, however, to find commercial pursuits more congenial and profitable, he came to Clarinda ten years ago and through the intervening decade has been connected with the commercial life of the city. On his arrival he purchased an interest in a furniture and undertaking busi-

ness and three years later bought out his partner's interest and became sole proprietor. He has since conducted his store in his own name and now has a well appointed furniture and undertaking establishment. His line of goods covers a wide range, including some of the best manufactured products of the furniture factories as well as those of cheaper grades and he is, therefore, able to meet the various tastes and demands of his patrons. Throughout his career he has made it his purpose to adhere closely to a high standard of commercial ethics and he enjoys the respect and honor of all with whom he has been associated in trade relations. His store is twenty-six by one hundred and forty feet and its tasteful arrangement constitutes an important feature in his success. He is also a licensed embalmer and does a good business as an undertaker.

In October, 1877, Mr. Oates was united in marriage to Miss Sadie McVay, of Page county, a daughter of Emanuel McVay, who was a farmer by occupation but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Oates have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. In Nebraska township, where he lived so long, Mr. Oates served for twenty years as the treasurer of his school district and was also road commissioner. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is greatly esteemed by his brethren of those organizations. He likewise belongs to the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee, while for the past six or eight years he has been a member of its official board. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful business man and in his present connection, through his prompt and honorable methods, he has won the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens.

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#### JOSEPH WARREN COZAD.

While Joseph Warren Cozad has but recently entered the real-estate field, his previous business experience and his spirit of determination and enterprise argue well for his success in this line. Joining W. L. Lundy, he organized the Clarinda Real Estate Company and with offices in the National Bank building they are conducting a real-estate, loan and insurance business with a rapidly increasing clientage. Mr. Cozad came to Clarinda in 1903 but prior to this time was well known in the county, for he is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Red Oak, January 26, 1870. His parents were William and Mary Elizabeth (Hewitt) Cozad, who were farming people, the father devoting his life to the tilling of the soil in order to provide a competence for himself and family. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He has been somewhat prominent and influential in local political circles and for eight years served as a member of the board of supervisors of Montgomery county, his labors in that connec-

tion being highly satisfactory to the general public and creditable alike to himself and his constituents.

Reared on the home farm Joseph Warren Cozad early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was educated in the public schools and, passing through consecutive grades, at length became a student in the Red Oak high school. He made his initial step in the business world in connection with the clothing trade, conducting a store of that character until 1903, when he sold out and removed to Clarinda. Here he engaged in the purchase and sale of horses and also conducted a livery business. He met with prosperity in that undertaking and continued therein until 1909 when, recognizing the opportunity for successful operation in real-estate fields, he joined W. L. Lundy in organizing the Clarinda Real Estate Company. They now not only handle property but also place loans and represent various insurance companies, each department of their business being now well organized, so that they are meeting with substantial success.

On the 18th of February, 1901, Mr. Cozad was united in marriage to Miss Nellie McCartney Butler, a daughter of William Butler, of Clarinda and of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. For six years they traveled life's journey happily together and were then separated by the death of the wife who passed away on the 4th of July, 1907. She left one son, William Butler Cozad, who was born August 7, 1902. In all of his business relations Mr. Cozad has been actuated by the spirit of enterprise which is a dominant factor in the upbuilding and progress of the middle west. He is a man of resolute spirit, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by determined and persistent effort and his achievement of success represents the fit utilization of his innate talents and powers.

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#### NEHEMIAH WOODRUFF.

The name of Nehemiah Woodruff is found on the honor roll of Page county owing to the fact that he was a loyal soldier of the Civil war but he has been an active and upright business man and in all matters of citizenship he has displayed a spirit of fidelity and progressiveness. Since 1870 he has resided continuously in Page county, where he has been connected with both agricultural and commercial pursuits but is now practically living retired. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, November 3, 1833, and was one of the family of ten children whose parents, Joseph and Rhoda (Young) Woodruff, were both natives of Pennsylvania. They lived for some time in Ohio but spent their last days in Illinois. The father was a cooper by trade and in following that pursuit provided for his family, which numbered eight sons and two daughters. He served his country in the war of 1812 for a short time. A brother-in-law of our subject, Perry Jones, served in the Mexican war under Captain Hodges.

In his early boyhood Nehemiah Woodruff accompanied his parents on their removal from Knox county to Delaware county, Ohio, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when the family went to Noble county, Illinois. There he resided until after his marriage and in 1859 he became a resident of Iowa, settling first in Keokuk county. He enlisted from there on the 14th of May, 1861, joining the boys in blue of Company F, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After being in the state service for about two months he was mustered into the United States service and served for about two years, when he was honorably discharged in the fall of 1863 at Corinth, Mississippi. The first engagement in which he participated was at Croton, Iowa, and he was afterward at New Madrid and Fort Pillow, acting as guard for the gunboats. His regiment was with the troops held for reinforcement at Shiloh, where they arrived the morning after the Confederates were driven back. After the engagement at Corinth, Mississippi, they proceeded to Holly Springs. Mr. Woodruff was the first man of the Fifth Iowa Infantry who was wounded, being struck by rebel lead while guarding a bridge at the mouth of the Osage river. He was in the hospital for a short time and as soon as his wound had sufficiently healed he was appointed cook by the captain and when he had recovered to a further degree he was placed on guard duty. Later, however, he was taken ill and because of physical disability was honorably discharged. When able to be at the front there was no more faithful or loyal soldier nor one who had a stronger attachment for the stars and stripes.

At the time of his enlistment Mr. Woodruff was conducting a grocery store at South English, Iowa, and turned the business over to his father. When he was discharged from the army he made his way to Noble county, Illinois, where his family had gone in the meantime. For several years after his return to the north he was incapacitated for business. In 1864 he went to Tama county, Iowa, where he resided until 1870, when he came to Page county, where he has since made his home. Here he has conducted a butcher shop, a livery barn and a hotel and has also carried on general farming but is now living retired. In addition to town property in Shambaugh he owns thirty-six acres adjoining the village limits and is comfortably situated in life, so that in the evening of his days it is not necessary that he have recourse to further labor to supply himself with the necessities and comforts which go to make life worth living.

It was in 1854 that Mr. Woodruff was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jones, who was born in Delaware county, Ohio, May 1, 1836. They were playmates in their childhood, which was spent in the Buckeye state, but their marriage was celebrated in Illinois, to which state her father had removed. Her parents were Samuel and Maria (Cockrell) Jones, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. Mr. Jones died in Illinois, while his wife passed away in Ohio. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom reached adult age. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff was blessed with ten children: Joseph, who is now living in Abilene, Texas; Rosella, the wife of S. J. Colvin, who makes his home in Clinton, Missouri; David, a resident of Sacramento, California; Edward,

who is in Taylor county, Iowa; Lottie, the wife of C. A. Hamm, of Shambaugh; Walter, of South Dakota; Mrs. Martha Bonsall, now deceased; Charles, living in Shambaugh; Frederick H., who follows farming in East River township; and one who died in infancy. Ina Woodruff, a granddaughter of our subject, has resided with her grandfather since the death of her mother.

Mr. Woodruff is a member of Clarinda Post, No. 11, G. A. R., of Clarinda and thus meets in pleasant relation his fellow comrades of the Civil war. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party which has found in him a stalwart champion. He has ever sought the good of the community along lines of progressive citizenship and has given tangible aid to many movements which have related to the general welfare.

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### ERICK WALL.

Erick Wall, who is widely known as a leading stock raiser and dealer of Nodaway township, his home being on section 7, is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred near the little village of Nykoping, in Sodermanland, February 10, 1870. His parents are Carl Gustaf and Eva (Spongborg) Wall, who spent their entire lives in Sweden. Their family numbered seven children but Erick Wall was the only one who came to the United States. He remained a resident of his native land until 1890, when he came single and alone to Iowa. He had no money but he possessed what constitutes a better capital—determination, energy and industry. At once he sought employment as a farm hand and worked in that way in Page county for six years. He afterward rented land for five years, during which time he carefully and economically saved his earnings until he was enabled to purchase property. Gradually he has worked his way upward, winning in honorable manner the success which he now enjoys and which has enabled him to become the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Douglas township, Page county, on the Montgomery county line. He resided thereon for three years and then rented his place and came to the Ed Anderson farm, which comprises twelve hundred and fifty-eight acres. He is a partner of Mr. Anderson in the operation of this farm, which is devoted to the raising of live stock of all kinds. He feeds cattle on quite an extensive scale, keeping on hand about five hundred head annually. Here Mr. Wall has resided for five years. He has stock upon his own farm, which he is operating in partnership with the man who now resides upon it. Besides his property in this county he also owns six hundred and fifty-two acres near Tingley, Ringgold county, Iowa.

In 1896 Mr. Wall was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Linquist, who was born in Page county, Iowa, March 21, 1876. She is a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Beechler) Linquist, natives of Sweden and of Illinois, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Wall now have five children: Herb, Florence, Viola, Bernard and Russell.



Mr. Wall has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for he here found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has made steady progress in the business world, being now numbered among the substantial residents of Page county.

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#### ARCHIBALD T. CLEMENT.

Many theories have been advanced concerning the best methods of securing success but an analyzation of the life record of those men who have made substantial advancement indicates that the great majority have placed their dependence solely upon persistent effort and well directed energy. These qualities have been predominant forces in the life of Archibald T. Clement, who was born in western New York, August 21, 1832, and has, therefore, passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. He is a son of Stillman and Mary (Taylor) Clement. The father was both farmer and teacher, depending upon those lines of business for the maintenance which he gained for himself and family. While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof Archibald T. Clement pursued his education in the public schools and was stimulated to effective effort for the acquirement of knowledge by his father's keen interest in educational affairs. Through the periods of vacation he worked in the fields until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Kentucky where he carried on merchandising, buying wood and tobacco. For five years he handled those commodities and then returned to the old homestead in New York.

It was about that time that Mr. Clement was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Costello, of Cincinnati. He engaged in farming for two years on the old homestead after his return to New York. Subsequently he made his way to the middle west and for some years was engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Grant county, Wisconsin, but at length he determined to put aside the work of the fields and settled in Osage, Mitchell county, where he established a furniture and undertaking business, continuing at that place for three years. He then sold out and removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, before the building of the railroads to that city. From that point he proceeded to Topeka, Kansas, and on the 13th of March, 1869, arrived in Clarinda. This city was then a comparatively small and unimportant town but he believed that southwestern Iowa had good prospects and that it would enjoy rapid and substantial growth, thus furnishing an attractive field for mercantile endeavor. Here he purchased a building and opened a stock of furniture and undertaking supplies on the south side of the square. He has conducted the business continuously since, covering about forty years and no merchant of the city is more widely or favorably known. In 1882 he erected his present brick building, which is a two-story structure twenty-four by one hundred and twenty feet. No word has ever been uttered against his commercial integrity and the methods which he

has employed in extending his business have ever been honorable and straightforward.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clement have been born three children: Mary, now the wife of Brose Robinson, editor of the Democrat at Clarinda; Alice, the wife of W. L. Lundy, of Clarinda, ex-county treasurer and a real estate dealer of this city; and Minnie, at home. They also lost a son and a daughter: Stillman, who was drowned when fifteen years of age; and Jennie, who was the wife of Jacob Loy, a druggist.

Mr. Clement is in hearty sympathy with the principles and purpose of the Masonic fraternity and that he is loyal to its teachings is indicated by the fact that he is a past master of the lodge. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was for many years a member of the city council and also served as school director, filling the latter position at the time when the high school building was erected. Mr. Clement is very widely known in this part of the state for through many years he was the only undertaker in the county. He has been diligent in business, public-spirited in citizenship, loyal in friendship and devoted to the best interests of his family.

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#### A. W. GOLDBERG.

A. W. Goldberg, representing commercial interests in Shenandoah as proprietor of a clothing and men's furnishing store, is classed with the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Page county. His birth occurred in that country, February 11, 1864, his parents being Samuel and Rachel (Mincer) Goldberg, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. In 1865 the father crossed the Atlantic to America, where he was joined by his wife and son four years later. Locating first in Chicago, he entered business there as a commercial salesman. From that city he removed to West Union, Iowa, in 1874 and three years later became a resident of Hamburg, Fremont county, where he established himself in the clothing and men's furnishing business. Success attended him in the venture and in 1887 he extended the scope of his activities by opening another store in Nebraska City. This he continued in connection with his Hamburg store and in 1892 he removed the Hamburg store into more commodious quarters to accommodate the increasing trade and added a general line of dry goods, shoes, etc. A successful and growing business was conducted until 1897, when the store was destroyed by fire and the business in Hamburg was discontinued. Soon after the fire the store in Shenandoah was opened and A. W. Goldberg came to this point to look after the business here, his father remaining in Nebraska City to manage the interests of the firm there. He still resides in Nebraska City and is one of the progressive merchants of that place.

A. W. Goldberg was only five years of age when brought by his parents to the United States. He acquired his early training in the common schools

and as a boy in his father's store, so that from early youth he has been connected with merchandising and has had broad and practical experience in this direction. In 1892 he was taken into the business as a partner in the Hamburg store and after his father opened the Nebraska City store the Hamburg store was left under the management of A. W. Goldberg and a partner. On the opening of the Shenandoah store in 1897 Mr. Goldberg assumed the complete management of this business and in the intervening years has built up a leading clothing and men's furnishing goods enterprise of the city. The business was conducted under the firm name of S. Goldberg & Son until July 1, 1909, when our subject purchased his father's interest and is now sole proprietor. The store is altogether a modern one and only high grade lines are carried. The trade has constantly increased until it has now assumed extensive proportions and the enterprise of the owner makes him one of the representative and valued merchants of the city. He has from the beginning of his residence here been closely associated with the commercial development of Shenandoah and is a member of the board of directors of the Home Building & Loan Association, is secretary and director of the Shenandoah Fair Association and is a member of the Shenandoah Commercial Club.

In 1895 Mr. Goldberg was married to Miss Minnie Levy, a resident of Nebraska City, and unto them have been born two sons, Albert L. and Leland R. Mr. Goldberg is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; and Shenandoah Chapter, No. 81, O. E. S. For many years he was high priest of the chapter and has always taken an active and helpful interest in Masonic affairs. He belongs to Juniata Lodge No. 195, K. P., and is its present chancellor commander. He also belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., and to Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A. In politics he is somewhat independent with republican proclivities. His life is preeminently that of a successful, energetic and enterprising business man, yet his interests are not so self-centered as to exclude his active participation in affairs relative to the interests of the public. In fact he stands as a loyal supporter of many measures for the general good and his opinions are backed by tangible and substantial support.

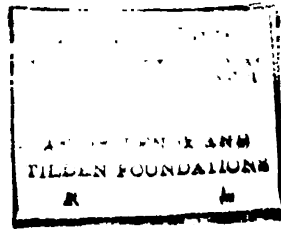
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#### WILLIAM W. WELCH.

The activities of William W. Welch have been of such extent and importance as to leave the impress of his individuality upon the history of Clarinda and this part of the state and he is numbered among the most prominent and honored residents here, his labors contributing in substantial measure to the development of this and other cities. With keen foresight he seems to recognize the value of a business situation and opportunities that others have passed by heedlessly he has noted and improved. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Welch was born in Wilkes-Barre, April 9, 1858, and is a



W. W. WELCH



son of John and Susan (Houpt) Welch. His father was a blacksmith by trade but for the past fifty years has resided upon one farm and has been closely identified with general agricultural pursuits. He and his wife, both living, have traveled life's journey happily together for fifty-eight years.

William W. Welch was educated in the public schools and after putting aside his text-books served a four years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, which he completed in 1875. He afterward came to Clarinda, where he secured employment as a carpenter, spending about two years in the service of others. He then began contracting and building on his own account and as the years have passed has conducted a very successful business as a builder in Clarinda and vicinity. From 1890 until 1895 he resided in Omaha. He has been frequently called by reason of his ability in the line of his trade to execute large contracts in Iowa and western Illinois. In Creston he built the Masonic Temple, a large Catholic church and also a Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been awarded contracts for the erection of nearly all of the large and substantial buildings in Clarinda, including both residence and business property. Nearly all of the business blocks on the public square stand as monuments to his skill and handiwork. He has likewise erected public buildings in Creston, Mount Pleasant and Glenwood and has executed contracts for the state to the amount of a half million dollars. He designed and erected the public library, which is without doubt one of the prettiest little libraries in the state. He has never held public office but has been very active in public measures for the benefit of Clarinda and vicinity in promoting the attractive appearance of the place and in indicating the substantial character of the city.

In June, 1883, Mr. Welch was married to Miss Minnie B. Hinman, a daughter of Charles and Cornelia Hinman. Her father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in support of his family. Mrs. Hinman still resides in Clarinda and has made her home in Page county for the past half century, so that her memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. She relates many interesting incidents of the early days and has been a witness of many of the events which have left their impress upon the annals of this part of the state. Her daughter, Mrs. Welch, was a graduate of the high school of Clarinda of the class of 1881, and, a popular young lady, she became one of the greatly esteemed matrons of Clarinda. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, of whom seven are yet living. Helen, who is a graduate of the Clarinda high school and of the Northwestern University of Illinois, where she completed her course in 1905, is now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of this city. Phillip, also a graduate of the high school, is now pursuing his studies in the Armour Institute at Chicago. Margaret is a pupil in the public schools, being a member of the class of 1910. Earl is a high school student. Ruth, Edith and Edgar are all attending the public schools. Harry died at the age of nine years, in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1903 the family were called upon to mourn the loss of the wife and mother, who passed away on the 19th of October of that year. She was very active in all the branches of work connected with the

Methodist Episcopal church and her religious faith proved a permeating influence in her life. Before her marriage she taught in the Clarinda high school and her influence was ever on the side of culture, improvement and progress. She was born, reared, educated and died in Page county and her loss was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family.

On the 21st of February, 1906, Mr. Welch married Mrs. Edith Gibson, a daughter of J. L. Brown, a native of Page county. She had a daughter, Edith Grace, by her first marriage. Mrs. Welch is a member of the Methodist church and is active in its various societies and branches of church work. Mr. Welch also holds membership in the Methodist church, of which he has been a trustee for the past two years. He has been on the official board for ten years and was steward for a number of years. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. What he has accomplished in the business world represents the force of his character and the fit utilization of the innate talents and powers which are his. Centuries ago the Greek philosopher, Epicharinus, said: "Earn thy reward. The gods give naught to sloth." Realizing the truth of this admonition Mr. Welch has worked persistently and diligently to attain the position which he now occupies in business circles and which is a most creditable and honorable one.

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#### HON. WILLIAM BUTLER.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the perpetual record, establishing his character by the concensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Page county William Butler, through the period of his lifetime, was spoken of in terms of admiration and respect and since his death the people of the county have honored his memory. His life was so varied in its activity, so honored in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its efforts, that it became an integral part of the history of southwestern Iowa. He exerted an immeasurable influence on the city and county of his residence; in business life as a financier and promoter of extensive commercial enterprises; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality; in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting state and national welfare. At the same time he realized and met his obligations to his fellowmen in every particular and such was the extent of his usefulness and the honor of his purpose that his history may well serve as an example for future generations to follow.

Mr. Butler was reared upon the frontier, his birth having occurred in Wayne county, Indiana, September 13, 1827. His parents were Samuel and Mary (Davenport) Butler, in whose family of eight children he was the

third son and sixth child. His father was born in Georgia in 1793 and accompanied his parents to Wayne county, Indiana, in 1806—eleven years before the admission of that state into the Union. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Beal and Mary (Stubbs) Butler, the lady being the first white woman to reside on the west side of the White Water river. The Butler family was established in America by English ancestors at an early period in the colonization of the new world and representatives of the name were prominent in connection with the ministry and with other professions, both in England and in the United States.

The environment of Samuel Butler, through the period of his youth, was that of the wild western frontier and in later years his migrations still connected him with pioneer experiences. He was married in early manhood to Miss Mary Davenport, a lady of Quaker lineage whose parents were Jesse and Rebecca (Hoover) Davenport. Mr. Davenport was a native of North Carolina and his daughter, Mrs. Butler, was born in Wayne county, Indiana. Her death occurred when her son William was a little lad of four summers. In the spring of 1843 Samuel Butler removed to Whitley county, Indiana, settling in a district whose population was largely composed of Indians. There he took up the arduous task of developing a new farm and his son William became his assistant in the difficult work which was required to convert Indiana forest land into rich and productive fields. Amid such surroundings the individual is trained to use every faculty and to utilize every opportunity. He must depend upon the work of his hands for those things which in more thickly settled regions can be obtained by purchase and as Mr. Butler advanced in years he became self-reliant and displayed a spirit of aptitude that enabled him to readily adapt himself to any situation. With a strong body and active mind as his capital, he started out alone in the business world at the age of sixteen and for three years thereafter engaged in teaming in Wayne county. During the first winter, however, he acted as weigh master in a packing house. At the age of nineteen he joined his brother in the cultivation of a rented farm to which they devoted their energies for two years.

At the end of that time Mr. Butler took an important step on life's journey for on the 2d of February, 1851, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Margaret McCowen, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of William McCowen. With his bride Mr. Butler soon afterward went to Whitley county, Indiana, where he again engaged in farming rented land until the winter of 1855. He then traveled across the state of Illinois with a team of horses to Henry county, Iowa, and, standing upon the bank of the Mississippi river, saw the first locomotive that crossed the Father of Waters at Burlington. For a year he engaged in farming rented land near New London, Iowa, and in April, 1856, arrived in Page county. It was a momentous day for the county for at that time southwestern Iowa gained a citizen whose influence was to become a most potent factor in the growth, development and progress of this section of the state. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and he preempted a claim covering the northeast quarter of section 30, Harlan township. Soon the track of the



breaking plow was seen across the place and in the course of time the work of development and progress had made this a valuable farm on which he lived until the spring of 1865. At that time he purchased three hundred and five acres of land on which the state hospital for the insane was located. From the autumn of 1861 until after the close of the Civil war he was more or less actively engaged in buying and selling live stock and in 1871 he began operating in grain, building the first grain elevator in Clarinda. The firm of Butler Brothers, grain dealers, existed from 1876 until 1882 and in the years 1879-80 they shipped not only grain but also seventeen hundred carloads of stock. Mr. Butler's keen insight enabled him to take business risks which a man of less discrimination could not have ventured upon. He readily recognized an opportunity, however, and sought in the legitimate lines of trade and investment the success which is the goal of all business endeavor. His business affairs, too, were of a character that contributed to public progress as well as individual success, for his activity and enterprise were direct factors in promoting business advancement in Page county.

While Mr. Butler makes steady advance in his business, not all days of his life were equally bright for at times the sun of happiness was clouded over. His first marriage, which was one of congeniality, was terminated in the death of his wife on the 8th of July, 1871. Later he was happily married on the 3rd of March, 1873, to Miss Eleanor D. McCartney, who was born in Geauga county, Ohio, July 6, 1828. Her father, Russell D. McCartney, was a native of Colchester, Connecticut, born August 12, 1792, and during his youth accompanied his parents to Martinsburg, Jefferson county, New York, where he was reared to farm life. His parents both died in one week, when he was nineteen years of age. Later he removed westward to Geauga county, Ohio, where he formed a partnership with G. H. Kent, in the manufacture of pearl ash and also carried on general farming. On the 23rd of March, 1820, he wedded Della Kent, who was born at Suffield, Connecticut, April 30, 1795, and was a daughter of G. H. and Deborah (Huntington) Kent, both natives of Connecticut, the former born at Suffield, August 9, 1765, and the latter February 21, 1762. Mrs. Butler's grandparents were the second family to settle in Geauga county, Ohio, and were prominent in the formative period of that district. The grandfather entered a large tract of land from the government, took an active part in the political situation and had one son who was chosen to the legislature. In the family of Russell G. McCartney were six children: Henry, Deborah, Eleanor, Salmon, Minerva and Edson. Of these Mrs. Eleanor Butler was educated at Oberlin College and taught in the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, for a year, after which she resigned on account of her father's failing health and she and her sister Minerva accompanied him on an extended visit to the east, which included points in Canada and in New York. Mr. McCartney died July 5, 1857, and his daughter, Minerva, March 17, 1858, but the mother, Mrs. McCartney, passed away at the home of Mrs. Butler in Clarinda, June 8, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Butler had but one child, Nellie McCartney, born August 26, 1875, in Denver, Colorado, who became the wife of J. W. Cozad, mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

While Mr. Butler became recognized as one of the leading business men of Page county because of the extent and importance of his operations in commercial and financial circles, he did not allow his private affairs to exclude active participation in matters of public interest. He became one of the leaders of the republican party in Page county but while he never wavered in his political views nor in his support of principles which he deemed to be for the good of the commonwealth, he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and trust of the followers of other parties because of his fair mindedness and his freedom from bitter partisanship. He often took an advanced stand which won him opposition but in course of time his fellowmen were brought to see the wisdom and value of his views. In the Fremont campaign of 1850 he wrote ballots half the day and by his good work on the afternoon of the election assisted in swelling the republican vote until the party lacked but three votes to carry the county. He was chosen the first representative of Harlan township on the first board of county supervisors when the old county judge system was abandoned and a supervisor elected from each civil township. He entered upon the duties of that position January 7, 1861, and served through 1864. In 1869 he was again elected from Nodaway township and in the same year he was chosen to represent his district in the thirteenth general assembly of Iowa. At the next campaign he was reelected and during that session of the legislature was made chairman of the appropriation committee and was also largely instrumental in promoting the building of the present state house, at Des Moines. When the question arose whether wine and beer should be classed among the intoxicants he voted, yes, and when the prohibition amendment vote was taken in the legislature he was one of the fifty-two members who supported the bill. The greatest good to the greatest number was ever his watchword. During the special session of the legislature in 1873 when the "code of 1873" was enacted Mr. Butler did noble service. At that session he served as chairman of the committee on police regulations and many important laws were submitted to him. Through correct voting on various sections by Mr. Butler and his colleagues who possessed cool level headed deliberation, the code of today is looked upon by the courts as among the best of the nation. He was again chosen a member of the general assembly in 1883 and reelected in 1885. In 1884 he achieved for himself in Page county the greatest victory arising over the location and erection of Iowa's third hospital for the insane. While he used every honorable means and influence to make Clarinda the choice of the legislature the course which he pursued was one which would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and upon it could be turned the search light of public opinion without finding therein a flaw. Such was the encomium passed upon him by the press throughout the state. The securing of the location of the insane hospital at Clarinda may be called the crowning triumph in Mr. Butler's roll as a legislator, emphasizing his marked individuality as no other act could possibly have done for it should be remembered that Atlantic, Creston, Red Oak and many other cities in southwestern Iowa all had experienced and able men representing their interests in the same matter. Upon the receipt of the news of the final outcome of

the contest the following telegram was sent to Des Moines: "Hon. William Butler: Five hundred assembled citizens, hoarse from enthusiastic cheering, send you congratulations." Upon his return home a brilliant reception was tendered him and the Home Glee Club sang words of victory:

"Butler thought it, fought it, won it;  
When twice 'twas lost he won;  
He has been a faithful servant,  
Let us say, 'Well done'."

Another public work which redounds to the honor and credit of Mr. Butler was the building of the present courthouse for which he was awarded the contract in February, 1885, his bid therefor being seventy-one thousand dollars. He gave to the work special and personal attention from the laying of the foundation stone to the completion of the dome and all citizens agreed that no more honest work was superintended in Page county. Mr. Butler was also instrumental in securing the building of railway lines through the county as well as in assisting in the enactment of state laws for railway management on behalf of the people.

In fraternal relations Mr. Butler was not unknown. In fact he was prominently identified with the various divisions of Masonry, was a charter member of both the chapter and commandery of Clarinda and attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also held membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. Death came to him May 6, 1904. No man in public life perhaps has had so few enemies. Even those opposed to him politically entertained for him the warmest personal regard and admiration. It is said that he never forgot a friend: the playmates of his boyhood, the associates of his early manhood, those with whom he labored in legislative circles and in business life, were alike remembered through all of the years with their added responsibilities and honors. His life record finds embodiment in the words of Pope:

"Statesman, yet friend to truth; of soul sincere,  
In action faithful and in honor clear;  
Who broke no promise, served no private end,  
Who gained no title and who lost no friend."

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#### LOUIS P. STEEVE.

Douglas township has its full quota of progressive farmers who have contributed their share to the upbuilding and development of the county. Among this number is Louis P. Steeve, now living on section 22, Douglas township, where his time and energies are fully occupied with the work of general farming and stock raising. His birth occurred on the 2d of February, 1867, in Cook county, Illinois, and he is a son of Henry and Mary (Bente) Steeve, who were born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America at an early date. They purchased and improved the old homestead farm, which is now in the possession of Martin H. Steeve, a brother of our subject,

mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Both parents passed away upon that farm, the father in 1893 and the mother in 1895.

Reared upon the home farm, Louis P. Steeve attended the common schools in the attainment of his education and during the periods of vacation assisted his father in the work of the fields. He remained at home until he reached manhood, when, entering business life on his own account, he came to the farm upon which he now resides, consisting of two hundred acres on section 22, Douglas township. He has greatly improved the place, erecting a fine house and substantial barns and outbuildings, and the farm today is one of the desirable properties of the township, presenting in its neat appearance the visible evidence of a life of well directed thrift and energy. He has won substantial success in his general farming pursuits and has also engaged extensively in stock raising, which is proving a very profitable branch of his business.

On the 24th of February, 1903, Mr. Steeve was united in marriage to Miss Laseba Stuart, a native of Iowa, who was one of five children born to Charles W. and Marion (Jones) Stuart, who were born in Maryland and now make their residence in Clarinda. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Steeve has been blessed with two children, Elnora E. and Marion L.

Mr. Steeve belongs to the German Lutheran church, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is independent, always voting for the best man regardless of his party affiliations, and he always takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the growth and upbuilding of the community. He is a man of a high moral character, industrious and enterprising, and his honesty and uprightness have always merited him the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

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#### ISAAC VAN ARSDOL.

Among the honored and venerable citizens of Page county is numbered Isaac Van Arsdol, who has now reached the age of eighty-nine, his birth having occurred in Delaware county, Indiana, August 3, 1820. He is a son of Cornelius and Jane (McClellan) Van Arsdol, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, John Van Arsdol, was born in Holland and his wife was a native of Germany. Coming to America, he served in defense of colonial interests in the Revolutionary war, while his son, Cornelius Van Arsdol, was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Although born in the east the parents of our subject were married near Cincinnati, Ohio, and in April, 1820, removed to Indiana, spending their remaining days in Delaware county. The father was a local minister of the Christian church and a man who exerted a widely felt influence for the moral development of the community. He gave his early political allegiance to the whig party, afterward became an abolitionist and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its

ranks and continued to follow its banners until his death, which occurred about 1869. His widow long survived him and died at the very advanced age of ninety-eight years. They were among the first settlers of Delaware county, Indiana, and Cornelius Van Arsdol there established one of the first blacksmith shops in the county, doing all of his own work. He likewise engaged in farming and then as occasion required he preached the gospel on Sunday. His wife had been previously married prior to the time when she became Mrs. Van Arsdol and by her first marriage had a son, Thomas Hackett, who died at the very advanced age of ninety years. The other members of the household were: Mary, who is the wife of William Brown and lives in Delaware county, Indiana, at the age of ninety-nine years; John, who married Lois Paton, but both are now deceased; Ellen, who became the wife of Henry Mulkins, both now having passed away; Martha, the deceased wife of Christopher Ribble, who lives in Delaware county, Indiana, at the age of ninety-three years; Isaac, of this review; Cornelius, who is married and lives in Delaware county, Indiana, at the age of eighty-seven years; Mrs. Jane Wilkins, deceased; Mrs. Lucretia Hollis, deceased; and Rachel, who is the widow of John Wolverton and lives in Seymour, Indiana.

Isaac Van Arsdol was the first white child born in Delaware county, Indiana, at which time his parents were living on an Indian reservation. He was there reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life, sharing in the privations and hardships incident to settlement on the frontier. His education was acquired in a subscription school and he worked in his father's blacksmith shop during the winter season and on the farm in the summer months. He continued his residence in Delaware county until 1853, when he made his way to Polk county, Iowa, where he spent one winter looking over the county for good farm property. The journey from Indiana had been made by wagon and he traveled over Iowa on a prospecting trip on horseback, eventually locating in Page county, on a part of the present site of Clarinda in April, 1854. The land was then all wild prairie and he purchased five hundred acres, for which he gave a yoke of cattle and eight hundred dollars in gold. Mr. Van Arsdol improved most of this property and remained upon the farm for about forty years or until 1893, when he erected the residence in which he now lives at No. 206 Garfield street in Clarinda. With the growth and development of the city his farm was included within the corporation limits and he disposed of much of it in town lots at a good figure. He disposed of all but two lots and the house, the remainder of his acres being now built upon as good residence property.

Mr. Van Arsdol was married in Delaware county, Indiana, in 1844 to Miss Margaret Ribble, who was born March 9, 1822, a daughter of George and Sarah (Surfus) Ribble, the former a native of Montgomery county, West Virginia, and the latter of Virginia. Mrs. Van Arsdol had twelve brothers and sisters and the family record is as follows: Emeline, who is the widow of Samuel Weidener and resides in Clarinda; Mrs. Van Arsdol; Harriet, living in Indiana; Mrs. Fliza Hutchings, deceased; Mrs. Sarah Stouder, who has passed away; Mary, who is the widow of Gilbert Lyons

and resides in Clarinda; David, also of Clarinda; Arbelia, who is the widow of Samuel Furlow, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman and resides in Indianola, Iowa; Nancy, who is the widow of Ross Henchman and is living in Tacoma, Washington; Henry, a Civil war veteran, who resides in Pasadena, California; and three children who died in infancy.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Arsdol has been blessed with six children: Mary, who is the widow of Wilson Woods and is living in Clarinda with her parents; Luther, of Kansas City, Missouri, who married Cynthia Connor and has two children, Mrs. Grace Gay and West; Cassius, who is married and is a civil engineer working in Canada; George, who is married and lives in Waterloo, Iowa; Sallie, the wife of Robert Burrell, of Nebraska; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Van Arsdol not only followed agricultural pursuits but has built and plastered many houses in Clarinda, burning his own lime for the mortar. He burned the first lime ever used in Page county and he built and plastered the first Methodist Episcopal church of Clarinda. He has helped to pay for and build three churches and three parsonages in Clarinda and in many other ways has been closely associated with the substantial development and progress of the community. He had one of the first farms of the county, upon it built an octagonal barn and engaged extensively in cattle raising. In his business life he was progressive, enterprising and persistent and the same qualities have been manifest in his citizenship, making his work in behalf of the public good one of far-reaching and beneficial importance. He has lived to witness the many great changes which have transformed this county from a wild and unimproved district into one of rich fertility, dotted here and there with fine homes, excellent school buildings, churches and business enterprises. As the years have passed he has rejoiced in what has been accomplished and he continued as an active factor in the world's work until the weight of years necessitated his retirement. He is now almost a nonagenarian and his memory goes back to the time when there were few railroad lines throughout the country and when the telegraph and telephone were unknown. He has always believed in progress and improvement and has, therefore, rejoiced in what has been accomplished as the years have gone by.

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### JAMES CRAMER.

James Cramer, who for the past thirty-seven years has been successfully identified with the jewelry trade in Clarinda, is now conducting an establishment of that character in partnership with his son, under the firm style of James Cramer & Son. His birth occurred in Bloomfield, Iowa, on the 28th of November, 1850, his parents being Henry Hartman and Mary (McNeal) Cramer, the former a farmer by occupation. Mr. Cramer of this review obtained his education in the country schools and after putting aside his text-books became acquainted with the jewelry business, with

which line of activity he has since been connected. The year 1872 witnessed his arrival in Clarinda, where he established the jewelry store which he has conducted to the present time, being now recognized as one of the most prosperous, progressive and enterprising merchants of the county. In 1903 he admitted his son, H. Bruce, to a partnership in the business, at which time the name of the concern was changed from James Cramer to James Cramer & Son. The dimensions of their store are twenty-four by one hundred feet and, as they have ever maintained an unsullied reputation for business integrity and reliability, their trade is of a most extensive and profitable character.

In June, 1876, Mr. Cramer was united in marriage to Miss Maria V. Rogers, a resident of Clarinda and a daughter of Philip C. and Matilda V. Rogers, the former a merchant. Unto them have been born four children. Netha R., is the wife of Charles H. Dack, a druggist of Columbus, Nebraska. H. Bruce married Miss Clarice M. Hunt, a daughter of Albert V. Hunt, a merchant of Clarinda, who is mentioned on another page of this volume. By this union there is one son, Hunt. Minnie is the wife of Thomas N. Randall, who is with the Chicago Daily News. James Vernon Cramer is still under the parental roof.

Fraternally Mr. Cramer is a Royal Arch Mason, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His sterling characteristics are recognized by all with whom he comes in contact, and he is therefore justly numbered among the representative business men and citizens of Page county.

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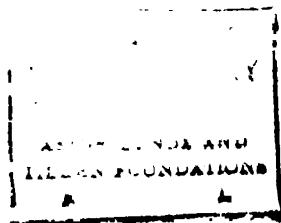
### JOHN McCOWEN.

John McCowen is numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of Page county, dating his residence here from 1854. In the years which have since come and gone he has shared in the hardships and privations of life on the frontier, has borne his share in the work of general progress and improvement as wild prairie land has been converted into productive fields and frontier dwellings have been replaced by modern, substantial and commodious residences. He was but ten years of age at the time of his arrival, his birth having occurred in Darke county, Ohio, December 12, 1843. His parents were James and Hulda (Neely) McCowen, who in the year 1854 disposed of their interests in Ohio and made their way westward to Iowa. The father arrived with something over two thousand dollars in cash and this he invested in land, which he purchased at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He gave one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land to each of his four children, besides fifty acres of timber land, and he retained three hundred and seventy-five acres for his own use until his death. His widow is now in possession of a valuable farm of two hundred acres. The children were: John; Sylvester, living in Cleveland; Noah, who is mentioned



JOHN McCOWEN AND CHILDREN





elsewhere in this work; and Mary, the wife of Alexander Shum, who is also represented elsewhere in this volume.

John McCowen has resided continuously in Nodaway township since 1854. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his boyhood and youth. He assisted in the arduous task of developing new land and remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age. He was then married and started out in life on his own account. He has never sought to change his mode of living but has continued to engage in farming, in which work he became thoroughly familiar in his boyhood. He now has a place of one hundred and four acres on sections 8 and 18, Nodaway township, his home being situated on the latter section. He has made substantial improvements upon his farm and used modern machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

Mr. McCowen has been married twice. He first wedded Debbie Epperson, a native of Monroe county, Iowa, who died in the year 1888, leaving five children: William, who resides at Shoshoni, Wyoming; Jefferson, who is living in East River township, this county; Estella May, the wife of George Buffican, of Villisca, Iowa; Nora, the wife of James Hall, living in Nodaway township; and Myrtle, the wife of William George, of Fremont county, Iowa.

Mr. McCowen was married again in 1889, his second union being with Miss Ella McMullen, a native of Page county. The children of this marriage are Elmer, Dessa May, Ira, James, Nora and Pearl.

Mr. McCowen votes with the democracy and keeps in touch with the questions and issues of the day but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. His life has been one of diligence and his labors have been carefully directed by keen business judgment. His record shows what may be accomplished by determined and earnest purpose and at all times his business methods have been above question.

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#### CHARLES ALDRICH.

When one reviews the history of Page county and notes the factors which have been valuable elements in its upbuilding and progress, it will be seen that Mr. Aldrich has been closely associated with the work of general improvement because of his connection with agricultural interests and his active cooperation with the Fair Association. He is also serving at the present time as a member of the city council and exercises his official prerogatives to introduce needed reforms and progressive measures.

He entered upon the journey of life on the 10th of November, 1848, a native of Canada and a son of Chester W. and Sarah A. (Bailey) Aldrich, both of whom were natives of Canada. The mother died when her son Charles was but seven years of age and the father, who afterward married again, came to the United States in 1857, settling at Neponset, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. Prior to this time he had worked at the car-

penter's trade and later he devoted many years to general agricultural pursuits but is now living retired in Neponset in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

Charles Aldrich was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools and dividing his time between the mastery of the branches therein taught and the work of the farm. His father was a soldier of the Civil war and while he was at the front, defending the Union, Charles Aldrich remained at home carrying on the work of the fields. In 1865, no longer able to subdue his rising patriotism, he, too, enlisted as a soldier of the Civil war but when the authorities found that he was not yet eighteen years of age he was sent back home. After the cessation of hostilities and his father's return to the north Charles Aldrich was employed as a farm hand for four years and then engaged in farming on his own account for a year.

He continued his residence in Illinois until 1871, when he removed to Iowa and, taking up his abode near Creston, he there engaged in the cultivation and improvement of a farm, the owner of which resided in Neponset, Illinois. He had the management of a tract of more than two hundred acres, being in charge of this property for four years. In 1873 he invested the capital which he had saved from his earnings in eighty acres of land in Fisher township, Fremont county, four miles south of Shenandoah, and in 1875 he removed to this farm, whereon he has since made his home. By additional purchase he has extended its boundaries until the place now comprises three hundred and twenty acres and is one of the valuable and highly productive farms of Fremont county. In 1896 Mr. Aldrich lost his wife and, while he still operates the farm, for the past five years he has made his home in Shenandoah. He is a most progressive agriculturist, quickly adopting new and practical methods for the advancement of farming interests, and by reason of his sound judgment and keen discrimination his labors are always attended with success. He has done much to promote progress in agricultural lines in this county. For the past eight years he has been the president of the Shenandoah Fair Association and has been a member of the board for the past twenty years. In this connection he has done much to stimulate pride and interest in progressive agriculture and the fairs held by the association continually draw large crowds by reason of the splendid display of products offered by the county.

In other connections, too, Mr. Aldrich has proven his worth of a man and citizen. He is now serving on the board of city councilmen, being chosen member at large. He is independent in politics, voting for the candidate whom he regards as best qualified for office rather than for party. His fraternal relations are with Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., while his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Aldrich was married in 1872 to Miss Roxa Caldwell, of Batavia, Iowa. Unto them were born six children: Dr. Frank F. Aldrich, a physician and surgeon of Shenandoah; Maurice, living in California; Blanche, the wife of Albert Smith, of Oklahoma; Ida, the wife of Beecher Smith, also of Oklahoma; Bertha, living in California; and Alice, at home. Such in

brief is the life history of Charles Aldrich, a man whose worth of character, whose successful accomplishment and public-spirited citizenship have won him classification with the respected and representative men of Page county.

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ELLIS L. BENEDICT.

In presenting to the readers of this volume a history of Ellis L. Benedict we give the record of one who is widely and favorably known. Now residing in Clarinda, he dates his residence in Page county from 1868, at which time he took up his abode in Washington township. He is far separated from the place of his birth for he is a native son of Pennsylvania, having started upon life's journey in Pleasantville, Venango county, that state, on the 11th of September, 1855. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Benedict who during the early youth of their son Ellis removed westward to Missouri and eventually came to Page county. The father arrived in 1870 and here followed the occupation which he had made his life work—that of farming. Year by year he carefully tilled the soil and the rich prairie land of Iowa made quick response to the care and labor he bestowed upon it. At length when he had acquired a substantial competence he retired from active business and established his home in Shenandoah, where he lived until his death in 1892.

In his early youth Ellis L. Benedict accompanied his parents to Missouri and in the public schools of that state he acquired his early education. He was a youth of thirteen when he came to Page county and in Amity College at College Springs, Iowa, he continued his studies until he was well qualified for the profession of teaching, which he took up when nineteen years of age. His first school was in Blanchard, where he remained for two terms, and he was also a teacher at Northboro. In fact he engaged in teaching in the country schools of this part of Iowa for eight years, imparting clearly, cogently and concisely to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He proved a capable educator, the value of his services being recognized in the various school districts where he was employed. At the age of twenty-seven years he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, establishing a pioneer organ business, which he has since been constantly conducting. He opened his first store in Shenandoah and in 1893 came to Clarinda, where he also started a business. The store in Clarinda is twenty-four by one hundred and twenty feet and that in Shenandoah of equal dimensions. In both places he confines his attention exclusively to pianos and organs, and has secured an extensive and gratifying patronage. He carries the finest manufactured musical instruments of this character and his sales now reach a large figure annually.

Mr. Benedict was married on Christmas Day of 1878 to Miss Laura A. Winrott, of Washington township, this county, a daughter of James and Celina Winrott, the former a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have become the parents of four sons: Worley W., twenty-nine years

of age, who is now connected with his father in business and who married Miss Maud A. Delk, of Coin, Iowa; Otho C., who is with his father in business; Ivan G., also with his father; and Ermal H., who is likewise his father's associate. The four sons are now able assistants in carrying on the extensive and growing enterprises which the father established. The business in both cities is conducted under the firm style of E. L. Benedict & Sons.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Benedict is an Odd Fellow and politically is a republican. He served as township clerk and councilman at Coin, where he resided for fourteen years, removing his residence to Clarinda in 1908. In the discharge of his official duties he has always been prompt and reliable and his loyal service has won him high encomiums. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is faithful to its interests and active in its work. His wife is a lady of more than average ability and intelligence and for some time was numbered among the successful teachers of Page county.

Such in brief is the life history of Ellis L. Benedict who, by close attention and ability, has established and now conducts the largest pioneer piano house in southwestern Iowa or in northern Missouri. One of the features of the success which the firm now enjoys is that the father and sons are all piano tuners and repairers, each one being an expert in that line. To the father's broad experience and keen business discernment has been added the enterprise and modern progressiveness of the young men, constituting a firm of rare strength and ability. They occupy a most prominent position in the business circles of the southwestern portion of the state and their record proves that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously.

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#### RICHARD W. MORRIS.

Richard W. Morris is classed among the substantial farmers and stock raisers of Page county, his home being on eighty acres of land in Valley township which he owns. Mr. Morris was born in Henry county, Illinois, August 3, 1858, a son of David and Annie (Daniels) Morris, the former born in Wales and the latter near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The father came as a young man to the new world, making a location in Henry county, Illinois. At the inauguration of the Civil war he enlisted for service in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Regiment. He became ill in Vicksburg and died there while serving his country and it is supposed that he was buried in that city. The mother is still living in Henry county at the age of seventy-one years.

Richard W. Morris of this review is one of a family of three children and the only one now living. He remained with his widowed mother in Henry county until he reached the age of seventeen years and during this time pursued his studies in the common schools. Ambitious to make for himself a place in the business world, at the age stated he came to Iowa, the

year of his arrival being 1876. He located in Montgomery county, where for a time he was employed by the month at farm labor. It was in 1881 that, feeling justified in establishing a home of his own, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Heppa A. Bolt who was born in Montgomery county, Iowa, in 1860, a daughter of John M. and Lucinda (Sager) Bolt. The father was born in Kentucky, while the mother claimed the Buckeye state as the place of her nativity. Removing westward to Montgomery county, Iowa, Mr. Bolt there purchased land, on which he erected a log cabin, which was later replaced by a frame structure. The mother passed away many years ago, her death occurring in November, 1868, while the father, surviving for a long period, departed this life in November, 1907, at a very advanced age. They had a family of six children.

Following his marriage Mr. Morris located on a tract of land which he rented, continuing to operate the same until 1896, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 12, Valley township. This place was partially improved when it came into his possession but he has since added many improvements in the way of buildings and other accessories necessary to the successful conduct of a farm. He does general farming and raises stock and his efforts are being rewarded with success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morris have been born two sons. The elder, Park A., is married and has one son, Elvin L. He is assisting his father in the operation of the home place. Frank, the younger, is still under the parental roof. Mr. Morris gives his political support to the democratic party and through reelection has served eight years as township assessor, while for several years he has also acted as school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Villisca. He has held to high ideals in citizenship and in business relations, thus commanding the warm esteem and genuine admiration of all who know him.

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#### D. M. KETCHAM.

Since starting out in life on his own account D. M. Ketcham has made for himself a substantial place in the world, and through investment in farm lands has accumulated a competence that now enables him to practically live retired, although he retains his home on a small farm of twenty acres, located just outside the corporation limits of Shenandoah in Grant township. He still owns other farm land in Page county—one tract of one hundred and forty acres, also in this township, and another of one hundred and twenty acres in Morton township.

Mr. Ketcham was born in Hancock county, Illinois, October 12, 1854, a son of James and Louisa (Fairbanks) Ketcham, both of whom were natives of the state of Indiana, where they were reared and married. The year following their marriage they took up their abode in Hancock county, where the father engaged in farming. He is still living at the age of eighty-

five years and now makes his home with his children, his wife having been called to her final rest in the fall of 1907, when she was seventy-two years old.

D. M. Ketcham was reared on the home farm in Hancock county and acquired his education through the medium of the public schools of that state. His education, however, was somewhat limited. As he was the eldest in a family of eleven children, and the father owned only a small farm of sixty-two acres, he had to not only provide for his own support from an early age but much responsibility rested upon his young shoulders in caring for the younger members of the household. He remained with his father until after he had attained his majority, giving him the benefit of his services, but in the meantime, in order that he might make something for himself, he operated rented land as well. Through this means he accumulated a sum of money whereby he felt justified in establishing a home of his own and starting out in life upon an independent business venture.

Accordingly on August 7, 1879, Mr. Ketcham was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Peck, of Hancock county, Illinois, and the following spring removed with his young wife to Iowa, locating on a farm in Morton township, Page county. He operated rented land there for four years and at the end of that period purchased forty acres in the same township. For one year he rented his land while he continued to operate leased land. Taking up his abode on his own farm at the end of a year, he cultivated the same for two or three years, and in the meantime, having made improvements upon the place, he sold the property to good advantage and invested his capital in a tract of eighty acres in Morton township. Taking up his abode upon the latter tract he improved and cultivated it four years and then disposed of that and purchased one hundred and forty acres in Lincoln township, on which he made his home for seven years. He then returned once more to Morton township and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, which he continued to operate for two years. He then disposed of that farm and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Grant township but he has sold one hundred acres of this and now owns but twenty acres. This farm is located on section 28, Grant township, just outside the corporation limits of Shenandoah. It is therefore valuable because of its close proximity to the city as well as for the modern improvements which are found upon the place. Since taking up his abode here Mr. Ketcham has spent few idle moments, for he has bought and sold many tracts of land and in this manner has accumulated a competency that now enables him to live practically retired, although he still looks after his invested interests. His two farms, one in Morton township and the other in Grant township, are operated by his sons. While Mr. Ketcham has made many changes in his place of residence since coming to the state, it will be noted that he has confined his investments to Page county land, which is an indication of his firm faith in the value of lands in southwestern Iowa.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham has been blessed with six children, of whom five survive, namely: Clyde, a resident of Providence, Rhode Island; Mark, who is on his father's farm in Morton township;

Earl, who operates his father's farm in Grant township; and Lena, and Beulah, both at home.

While Mr. Ketcham endorses the principles of the democratic party at the polls, he has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to give his time to private business interests. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active interest in the work of the various organizations, especially in the Ladies Aid Society. From an early age Mr. Ketcham displayed marked business ability. Deprived of many of the comforts of life in his youth and early manhood his strong ambition and desire was to acquire a competence that would provide himself and family with a good living, and his ambition has been rewarded, for today he is numbered among the well-to-do citizens of Grant township, and yet he stands in the same relation to his fellowmen today as he did in former years when struggling for a livelihood.

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#### SAMUEL E. SPERRY.

The place which Samuel E. Sperry occupies in commercial circles in Clarinda is an enviable one, both by reason of the reputation which he sustains as a reliable and enterprising business man and also from the fact that he is proprietor of one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the city. He arrived here in 1881 from Rochester, Indiana, his native city, where he was born on the 30th of May, 1862. He is a son of Jacob P. and Clamenza (Dunlap) Sperry, the former a farmer by occupation.

Samuel E. Sperry was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the task assigned him by parental authority. In the periods of vacation he worked in the fields and was identified with farm life during the period of his residence in Indiana. As stated, he came to Clarinda in 1881, being then a young man of nineteen years. Here he entered the hardware store of J. H. Dunlap and in 1883 as a partner of Mr. Dunlap and C. W. Foster he established a hardware store at Newmarket, Taylor county, under the name of Dunlap & Company, of which he was made the manager. He continued in active control there until 1888, when his partners sold out and the firm of Sperry & Clark was organized and existed for two years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Sperry disposed of his interest at Newmarket and returned to Clarinda, where in 1890 he purchased an interest in the Dunlap store, continuing as a partner in that enterprise until March, 1907, when he purchased Mr. Dunlap's interest and is now sole proprietor, conducting the store under his own name. He carries a large and carefully selected line of shelf and heavy hardware and the arrangement of his store and the quality of goods which he handles, together with his reasonable prices and fair dealing constitute the salient features in the success which he has won.



Mr. Sperry was married in 1885 to Miss Emma Freeman, of Clarinda, a daughter of Avery Freeman, who is proprietor of a hotel at Valparaiso, Indiana. They have become the parents of five children: Frederick H., who is a traveling salesman and resides at Champaign, Illinois; Ralph S., who is a student in the University of Illinois at Champaign; Howard F., who is connected with his father in the hardware business; and Helen and Mary, both at home.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, to the support of which they contribute generously and in the work of which they are actively interested. Mr. Sperry belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Knights of Pythias lodge, and both he and his wife occupy an enviable position in social circles, the hospitality of their pleasant home being greatly enjoyed by their friends, who are legion.

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### JAMES M. McCLOY.

James M. McCloy, a representative citizen of Shenandoah and one of the best known auctioneers in this part of the country, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1843. He is the son of Robert W. and Julia M. (McClellan) McCloy, both of whom belonged to Washington county. The mother was in fact a native of that county, and the father went there as a very small boy with his parents from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the place of his birth. He had learned the trade of a cabinetmaker in his early youth and followed that line of work until his death, which occurred in his fifty-fifth year. His wife survived him by nearly a quarter of a century, having attained the advanced age of seventy-three when death came upon her.

James McCloy lived under the parental roof until he was twenty years of age. He received the fundamentals of his education in the common schools, supplementing the course here by study at Duff's Business College in Pittsburg. During his youth he worked with his father at carpentering and cabinetmaking, but upon attaining his twentieth year he decided to make a change in his occupation and embark in the world of business for himself at a new place. He went first to Illinois, where he spent some five years in Knox and Warren counties. In 1868 he came to Iowa on a visit and was so well satisfied with the outlook here that the next year he came to stay, locating about five miles southwest of Shenandoah, in Fremont county. For perhaps five years he farmed as a renter, and then purchased a farm of eighty acres. This he subsequently sold to purchase another of one hundred and sixty acres, which in turn he sold to buy another of eighty acres. In 1890 he sold his last farm, which, like the other two he had owned, had been considerably improved while he was in possession, and he then removed to Shenandoah and has since given his entire time to crying sales. Auctioneering has, in fact, been his principal occupation during the past thirty-five years, since 1874, and he is in consequence one of the best known men

engaged in that profession in this section of the country. His services are in demand wherever there are sales to be cried, as may be judged from the fact that last year, which may be taken as an average year, he conducted seventy sales.

On the 1st of January, 1870, Mr. McCloy was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Maxwell, of Abingdon, Illinois. Eight children have been born to them: Mary, who is the wife of E. A. Moore, of Shenandoah; Archie G., of Lincoln, Nebraska; Vesper Bell, who is the wife of W. R. Beeson, of Shenandoah; Clarence W. and James P., who are both residents of Shenandoah; the twins, Edith and Ethel, and Emma, the youngest, all live at home.

Mr. McCloy has made a success of the difficult business of auctioneer, to which he has devoted himself with so much energy. He has many other interests, however, and is known for his capacity to fill offices demanding an equal amount of ability. Mr. McCloy was one of the organizers of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M., and also of the Farragut lodge, though he has transferred his membership in this latter to the Shenandoah lodge. He belongs also to Sheshbazzar Chapter, R. A. M. In politics Mr. McCloy votes the democratic ticket and has ever evinced a strong interest both in the principles of the party and in the progress of local affairs of government. His attitude has been appreciated by the voters of this section, who have elected him for ten years to serve as assessor. The position he has filled with honor to himself and to the complete satisfaction of his constituents, but shortly after his last election he felt that it was necessary to resign it. A man widely known Mr. McCloy has never felt any regret at the reputation that has spread concerning him, for it is one which any might desire to claim, that of an honest man, who does not shirk the measure of work that falls to his share.

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#### FRANK H. CLARK, M. D.

In a history of the medical profession of Clarinda mention should be made of Dr. Frank H. Clark, who is one of the younger representatives of the profession but his years do not seem any bar to his progress or his success. He was born near Stansbury, Missouri, February 6, 1877, and is a son of William H. and Mate (Holbrook) Clark. The family remained residents of Missouri until 1879 when they removed to College Springs, Iowa. The father followed merchandising for a long period from early manhood but some years ago retired from active business life and is now living in Blanchard, Iowa, in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

Dr. Clark was educated at Amity College in College Springs, there pursuing his literary course, after which he decided upon a professional career and made choice of the practice of medicine as a life work. With this end in view he took up the study of medicine in the Central Medical College at St. Joseph, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1900. He

then located at Wathena, Kansas, where he opened an office, remaining there for two years. In order to further equip himself for his chosen calling he took up special courses of medicine in the medical department of the University of Illinois at Chicago and was graduated there in 1903.

In that year Dr. Clark located at Shambaugh, Iowa, where he continued in practice until January, 1909, when, seeking a broader field of labor, he came to Clarinda where he has since been located. Although a resident here for less than a year he has made substantial progress in his profession and his labors have been attended with a degree of success that indicates his thorough understanding of medical principles and also the confidence reposed in his professional ability by his fellow townsmen.

On Christmas day of 1900 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Clark and Miss Ora Sherman of Clarinda, a daughter of Samuel L. Sherman, a real-estate operator. This marriage has been blessed with one child, Alice Marjory. Dr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent socially. They have made many warm friends during their residence in Clarinda and are widely and favorably known in the county. In his fraternal relations Dr. Clark is a Mason and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is likewise a member of the Page County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus he keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession.

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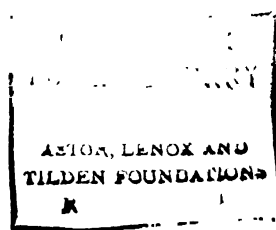
#### ALEXANDER SHUM.

Alexander Shum, who for thirty-six years has made his home in Page county, residing throughout this period in the vicinity of Clarinda, owns and cultivates two hundred and forty acres of rich farming land of which one hundred and fifty-three acres is in the home place a mile north of the corporation limits of the city. He is far separated from the place of his birth, for he is a native of Rutland county, Vermont, his birth having there occurred June 26, 1852. The Shum family is of French descent and was established in Canada at an early date. The parents of Alexander Shum were Peter and Elizabeth (Penor) Shum, who were natives of the province of Quebec, born near the Vermont line. They were married in the Green Mountain state, where both removed when about fifteen years of age. They continued residents of Vermont until 1857, when they removed westward to Iowa, settling in Lee county, where they lived for sixteen years, and then came to Page county in 1873. The father still resides in Clarinda but the mother passed away in that city in February, 1900, at the age of sixty-eight years. Alexander is the eldest of their ten children, the others being Peter, George, Joseph, John, William, Moses, James, Anna, all living; Elizabeth and Abraham, deceased.

Alexander Shum was a little lad of five summers at the time of the removal of his parents to Lee county, Iowa. There he was reared and in the



**ALEXANDER SHUM**



public schools of his home neighborhood pursued his education. While not busy with his text-books his time was largely given to the work of the fields on his father's place. He was twenty-one years of age when, in 1873, he came to Page county, since which time he has resided in the vicinity of Clarinda. His entire life has been devoted to farming and the place of two hundred and forty acres which he owns is the visible evidence of his well directed thrift and industry. He is numbered among the self-made men of the county, owing his prosperity to his earnest labor and wise utilization of his opportunities. He has in his home place one hundred and fifty-three acres, situated a mile north of the corporation limits of Clarinda, and here he has lived for sixteen years. On the farm are found good buildings and all modern improvements, and these have been placed there by Mr. Shum, who carries on general farming and stock raising, meeting with well merited success in his undertakings. He is diligent, persevering and determined, and these qualities are always valuable elements in the attainment of prosperity.

On the 8th of June, 1878, Mr. Shum was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. McCowen, who was born in Nodaway township, this county, February 27, 1859, her parents being James and Hulda McCowen, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of her brother, Noah McCowen. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shum have been born four daughters: Carrie Maude, now the wife of Arthur Apple, of Nodaway township, by whom she has two children, Dale and Nina; Bessie Laverne, who is the wife of J. E. Bean, of Nodaway county, Missouri, by whom she has five children, Thelma, John, deceased, Raymond, Burrell and Vera Bernice; Katharine and Geneva May, the younger members of the family, both at home.

Mr. Shum has given his political allegiance to the democracy since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has never held office save some minor local one, as his ambition is not in the line of office holding. He belongs to Clarinda Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and is in sympathy with the beneficent spirit of the order, for he is a gentleman of broad humanitarian principles. In the work of the farm his life has been passed and, realizing that success is not a matter of genius but rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and industry, he has worked persistently to attain the creditable position which he now occupies as a representative of agricultural pursuits in his adopted county.

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#### KNOX ALEXANDER.

Among the valuable farm properties of Page county is that owned and managed by Knox Alexander, called the Fairview Farm. It is situated on sections 26 and 27, East River township, and in its seemly appearance indicates the careful supervision of an owner who is at once practical and progressive in his methods of farm work. Moreover, he is entitled to representation in this volume from the fact that for a half century he has

resided in Page county. He is, in fact, one of its native sons, his birth having occurred in Harlan township, February 15, 1859.

His parents were David and Mary Ann (Stoops) Alexander. The former was a son of John and Mary Jane (Richmond) Alexander, natives of County Armagh, Ireland, whence they crossed the Atlantic to Canada with their two children. Subsequently they went to New York, afterward removed to Pennsylvania, later to Ohio, then to Illinois and in due time to Page county, Iowa. There were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters: Philip, Sarah, Agnes, Jane and David, all of whom are now deceased; and John R. P.

David Alexander, the father of our subject, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and from that district removed to Mercer county, Ohio, and afterward to Mercer county, Illinois. He came to Page county, Iowa, in 1856, and resided here until 1861 when, in response to the country's call for aid to crush out the rebellion in its incipency, he joined the army, enlisting on the 15th of June, 1861, with the First Nebraska Volunteer Regiment. After three years he veteranized on the 1st of January, 1864, and his service continued for four years and nine months. He was wounded at Fort Laramie and never fully recovered from his injuries. In fact his death was occasioned thereby. He passed away February 8, 1875, at the comparatively early age of about forty years. He had followed farming and carpentering as a life work and was ever a man of undaunted industry and of unfaltering business integrity. In early manhood David Alexander wedded Mary Ann Stoops, who was born in Greencastle, Indiana, May 6, 1841, and now resides in Ray, Colorado. They were the parents of two children: Knox and Frances Mary, the wife of F. M. Forney, who is living in Kansas City, Missouri.

Soon after the war David Alexander removed with his family to Rock Island, Illinois, and the following year went to Washington county, Iowa. There Knox Alexander remained until 1872, when he came to Page county but the following year returned to Washington county. There the father died February 8, 1875, after which Knox Alexander with his mother and sister came to Page county. He began learning the plasterer's trade in Clarinda in 1877 and followed that pursuit until 1892. He remained in Clarinda until 1885, when he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he continued until 1889, after which he spent about three years in St. Louis. In 1892, however, he took up his abode on the Fred Fisher farm near Clarinda, where he lived for six years. In 1898 he came to his present place, which is appropriately termed the Fairview Farm. It comprises two hundred acres of rich and productive land on sections 26 and 27, East River township, beside fifteen acres of timberland on section 21. It is now a valuable property, lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. In 1906 he erected a ten-room residence, which is the finest home in the township, modern in every respect and supplied with every convenience known to the city home. It stands on an elevation commanding a fine view of the surrounding country and thus its name of Fairview Farm was chosen.

Mr. Alexander makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of horses, handling draft and general purpose horses. He keeps on hand about forty head and at one time he was also engaged in the raising of mules but does not do so now. In addition to his other interests he feeds cattle and hogs, for which he finds a ready sale upon the market. On the place are two good barns which he built together with all of the latest improved machinery. Aside from his agricultural interests he is a stockholder in the Trust & Savings Bank of Clarinda, is a stockholder in the Chautauqua Association, in the Cooperative Livestock Company and in the Page County Fair Association. He stands for progress along any line on which he thinks it can be achieved and his own efforts have been potent forces for general advancement.

Mr. Alexander is pleasantly situated in his home life. On the 9th of September, 1880, he wedded Miss Laura Bell Fisher, who was born March 24, 1859, about a mile northwest of Clarinda and is a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Palmer) Fisher. Her father was a native of Baden, Germany, while her mother was a native of England, and they were married at Bucyrus, Ohio, after which they came to Page county, Iowa, in 1856. Both are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have been born two children but they lost the elder, Fred, at the age of nine years. The younger, George, was born on King's Highway in St. Louis, Missouri, June 14, 1893.

In politics Mr. Alexander is a staunch democrat, never faltering in his allegiance to the party, for he deems its principles most conducive to good government. He has held several township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He has been interested in many movements for the general good, for he endorses every measure for general development, and his interest in educational affairs is proven by his cooperation in the Chautauqua movement.

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#### GEORGE WUBKER.

George Wubker, a retired agriculturist now making his home in Clarinda, was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on the 23d of February, 1846, a son of William and Lena Wubker, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, whose birth occurred in 1816, came to the United States alone when twenty years of age, while the mother, whose natal day was August 21, 1818, also sailed for the new world when a young lady of about twenty years. On landing in this country William Wubker first made his way to Pensacola, Florida, and afterward removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was married. Subsequently he brought his young bride to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he learned the trade of a brickmason and plasterer, at which he worked for several years and in 1856 took up his abode on a farm in Virginia, Illinois. There he successfully carried on his agricultural and stock-raising interests until called to his final rest on the 12th of November,



1892, passing away in the faith of the German Lutheran church. His political allegiance was unfalteringly given to the democracy and he was widely recognized as a most substantial, progressive and enterprising citizen. His widow remained on the old home farm until the 2d of April, 1908, when she located near Red Oak, Iowa, where she has since continued to reside, making her home with a daughter. She is now in her ninety-first year. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, namely: Henry, residing in Oklahoma; George of this review; Sarah Caroline, living on a farm in Montgomery county, Illinois, who is the wife of James McDowell and has seven children; John, who passed away in 1900; Mary E., who is the wife of William A. Moore, has three children and makes her home on a farm four miles from Red Oak, Iowa; and William, whose demise occurred on the 25th of April, 1908.

George Wubker spent the first eight years of his life in the place of his nativity and there began his education in the district schools. In 1856 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Virginia, Illinois, where he attended the country schools during the winter months and in the summer seasons assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then operated a rented farm of fifty acres in Cass county, Illinois, for one year, at the expiration of which period he rented another farm of fifty acres in the same county, continuing its cultivation for a similar period. Subsequently he spent a year on the home farm and then again rented a tract of fifty acres in Cass county for a year, while afterwards he removed to still another farm of fifty acres, being engaged in its operation as a renter for twelve months.

In 1872, having accumulated sufficient capital by dint of close economy and careful expenditure, he purchased forty acres of land in Red Oak, Iowa, to which he afterwards added by additional purchases until the farm comprised one hundred and twenty acres, on which he made his home for twenty-three years, devoting his time and energies to the tilling of the soil and the raising of stock. In 1894 he disposed of this property and bought three hundred and eleven acres of land three miles from Red Oak, there carrying on his agricultural and stock-raising interests for a period of six years. At the end of that time he sold the land for fifty-two dollars per acre and bought a two hundred and forty acre farm near Red Oak, paying sixty-five dollars per acre for the property. When a year had passed he disposed of it at eighty-two and a half dollars an acre and took up his abode on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, six miles southwest of Clarinda, which he had purchased.

After remaining on that place for four years Mr. Wubker put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Clarinda, where he has since lived retired in a fine residence at No. 507 West Main street. The prosperity which has attended his efforts is entirely the result of his own untiring and well directed labor, for he started out in business life on his own account with but one team of horses, given him by his father. Working diligently, persistently and energetically as the years went by, he advanced steadily and surely toward the goal of success and his landed holdings now

include a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, two town lots and a block of ground, three hundred by three hundred and sixty feet, on the corner of Water and Twenty-first streets. He likewise owns the attractive and commodious dwelling in which he resides and is widely recognized as one of the most substantial, respected and representative citizens of the community.

In 1870, in Virginia, Illinois, Mr. Wubker was united in marriage to Miss Lorinda A. Moore, a daughter of William and Keziah (Moore) Moore, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had a family of thirteen children, namely: Manelis, James Nelson, Fetina and Robert Bruce, all of whom are deceased; Thomas Sylvester; Mandy; William, who has also passed away; John; Charles; Ulysses; Lorinda A.; George, who is likewise deceased; and Alma.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wubker have been born thirteen children, as follows: Keziah, the deceased wife of Alonzo Shank, a merchant of this state; Nannie, the deceased wife of William Pond, of Iowa, by whom she had two children, Iru and Lewis; Mary, who is the wife of Friedman Copley, a cabinetmaker residing in Lincoln, Nebraska; Lena, who makes her home with her uncle, Ulysses Moore, in Holdredge, Nebraska; Cora, who is the wife of Williston Campbell and lives in Centerville, Kansas; Emma, residing in Red Oak; Owen, who is an agriculturist by occupation; Walter, who follows farming two miles south of Yorktown, Iowa, and married Rachel Baylus, by whom he has two children, Earl and Marjorie; James, living in Lincoln, Nebraska, who wedded Miss Mary McGraff and has two children, Helen and Gerald; John, who belongs to the United States navy, on board the West Virginia; Harvey, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska; Nellie, who is pursuing a commercial course at College Springs; and Elsie, who is still under the parental roof and is a public school student.

Mr. Wubker is a stalwart democrat in his political views and while living in Red Oak acted as school director for six years, while for eight years he was treasurer of the school district, the cause of education ever finding in him a stanch champion. A man of exemplary habits, of high principles and of upright conduct, wherever he is known he commands the good will and trust of those with whom he is associated.

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#### ALPHONSO EDMONDS.

In the fall of 1856 Alphonso Edmonds arrived in Page county, accompanied by his bride, for he had been married only a few days before. They cast their lot with the pioneer settlers of this section of the state and he has since been numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturalists and business men. His labors have been a substantial factor in the growth and progress of the county and at all times he has taken the keenest interest in everything pertaining to the public good.

He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, April 12, 1830, his parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (West) Edmonds, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Clermont county, Ohio. Thomas Edmonds lost his father when he was only four years of age and afterward removed to Bourbon county, Kentucky, and subsequently to Clermont county, Ohio. There he continued until 1839 when he went to Clay county, Indiana, where he resided for about seventeen years, after which he came to Iowa in 1856 with his son, Alphonso. His last days were spent in Page county. He was born December 3, 1791, and passed away January 8, 1860, while his wife, who was born in July, 1804, died May 30, 1885. He was a brick mason by trade but during much of his life owned and cultivated a farm. His family numbered twelve children, namely: Maximillian, Ellis, William, Alphonso, Burke, Perry, Ethelbert, Thomas, Isaac, Thornton, Robert and Mary Ann. Of these Alphonso, Thomas, Robert and Mary are the only ones now living. The family has a creditable military record, the father of our subject having served in the war of 1812, enlisting from Clermont county, Ohio, while four of the sons became soldiers of the Union army in the Civil war. Ellis enlisted from Page county in 1862 as a member of Company F, of the Twenty-third Iowa Regiment and died at the hospital in St. Louis while still in the service. Burke enlisted at the same time and Ethelbert joined the army with the troops from Jasper county, Iowa, while Robert was also a member of the Twenty-third Regiment.

Alphonso Edmonds was only nine years of age when in the fall of 1839 his parents removed to Clay county, Indiana. There he continued until the fall of 1856, during which time he assisted in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, which he hewed out in the midst of the forest. Not a stick had been cut nor an improvement made upon the place at the time the family took up their abode there. Wild game of all kinds was to be had, deer, turkey, prairie chickens and other kinds being very plentiful. Mr. Edmonds early learned the value of unfaltering industry and perseverance and his entire life has been characterized by those substantial qualities.

In September, 1856, Alphonso Edmonds was united in marriage to Miss Peachy Sampson, who was born in Virginia in August, 1833, and in her girlhood went to Indiana with her parents, John and Clarissa (Jollet) Sampson, who were likewise natives of the Old Dominion. In the fall of 1856 a few days after their marriage Mr. Edmonds came with his bride to Page county, Iowa. The journey was made by wagon and they were a month on the road ere reaching their destination. Mr. Edmonds afterward entered eighty acres of land on the Nodaway river in Nodaway township and with characteristic energy began the development and improvement of his place on which he lived until 1868. He has since resided on several different farms but all in Nodaway township and has made his home at his present place of residence since 1887. Here he owns and cultivates a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 7, Nodaway township, three miles north of Clarinda on the Wall Street road. He has an attractive and inviting home, a well kept lawn and good buildings, many of the improve-

ments on the place being made by him. The farm is appropriately termed the Fountain Spring place for there is a fine spring near the home and the land is well watered for the Neely branch of the Nodaway river runs across his land. Mr. Edmonds carries on general farming and stock-raising, keeping on hand a high grade of shorthorn cattle.

In 1893 Mr. Edmonds was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife who died on the 20th of January, of that year, her death being deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family. There were four children of that marriage: Seth Warren, of Nodaway township, who is married and has three children—Dosia, Della and Laura; Amanda C., the wife of Henry Stafford, of Nodaway township, by whom she has three children—Frank, Zella and Harry; Elmira, the wife of George Smith, of Kensington, Kansas; and Charles V., who operates the home farm for his father. He married Mattie Kelly and they have two children—Neola and Lois. Politically Mr. Edmonds has been a stalwart republican since Fremont became the first presidential candidate of the party. He has held various school and road offices and has always been interested in the growth and welfare of the community. He has witnessed the many changes which have been wrought by the white men during all the intervening years since 1856 and has cooperated in many movements for the general good. He can remember when much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, much of the county presenting the appearance of unimproved prairie land, starred with a million wild flowers during the summer months and in the winter covered by an unbroken and dazzling sheet of snow. To-day rich crops replace the native prairie grasses and in place of the wild animals are seen some of the finest specimens of live stock to be found in the entire country. In his own farming operations Mr. Edmonds has been successfully and carefully carrying on his work until his labors have won him a substantial and well merited reward.

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#### MILLER C. McVAY.

Miller C. McVay, a successful and enterprising grocery merchant of Clarinda, was born in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, on the 11th of December, 1853 a son of Emanuel and Margaret L. (Cretcher) McVay. He is of Scotch-Irish descent on the paternal side and of German extraction on the maternal line. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Clarinda in 1865 and was here identified with the drug trade for a year. On the expiration of that period, however, he again devoted his time and energies to the work of general farming and was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until the time of his retirement. He passed away at the age of seventy-eight years and is still survived by his widow, who is a well known and highly esteemed resident of Clarinda.

Miller C. McVay obtained his education in the public schools and early in life became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the

agriculturist. He has been engaged in the work of the fields to some extent up to the present time and still operates his farm. In 1891 he established a shoe store in Clarinda, successfully conducting the enterprise until 1899, when he sold out. Two years later, in 1901, he purchased a general store in Braddyville, of which he remained the proprietor for three years, winning a well merited measure of prosperity in that undertaking. In 1907 he opened a grocery establishment in Clarinda on the east side of the square and has already gained an extensive and profitable patronage by reason of his well selected stock, his earnest desire to please his customers and his straightforward business dealings.

In 1878 Mr. McVay was joined in wedlock to Miss Carrie E. Strong, a resident of Clarinda and a daughter of Nathan Strong, a farmer by occupation. By this union there are two children: Ona, the wife of J. G. Scroggs, of Clarinda; and Edward E., who is associated with his father in business.

Fraternally Mr. McVay is identified with the Knights of Pythias, being now ex-chancellor commander of Clarinda Lodge, No. 139, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is likewise a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known within the borders of this county, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win admiration and regard.

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#### RALPH E. ANDERSON.

On the honor roll of Shenandoah's leading business men appears the name of Ralph E. Anderson, who is one of the more recent arrivals, and yet he has for many years been widely known in this part of the state as a leading, progressive and successful merchant. Throughout the entire period his commercial integrity has remained unquestioned and his progressive spirit and close application have brought him creditable prosperity.

Mr. Anderson was born in Warren county, Iowa, on the 16th of March, 1861, his parents being William H. and Euphema (Findley) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Cambridge, Guernsey county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. In 1854 they removed to the west, settling in Warren county, Iowa, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land. Subsequently he increased the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase and upon the place which he there developed he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1889 when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife died in 1887 at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Anderson had given his political allegiance to the republican party as an unswerving advocate of its principles and a stalwart champion of its candidates. He was himself honored with several local offices and from 1875 until 1879 served as county treasurer. His opinions always carried weight in the party councils and he did not a little

to promote republican successes. Both he and his wife were earnest Christian people, active in the work of the United Presbyterian church.

Ralph E. Anderson is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his boyhood and youth. He, however, put aside his text-books when in his sixteenth year and at that period in his life made his initial step in the business world, entering a grocery store in Indianola. There he acted as clerk for seven years and through this experience laid the foundation of his later success which came when he embarked in merchandising on his own account. His careful expenditure and his unfaltering industry at length bringing him sufficient capital, in 1885 he established a store of his own, opening a stock of groceries in Indianola, where he successfully conducted business for about ten years. On the expiration of that period he went to Atlanta, Iowa, where he carried on business for eight years and in 1903 he came to Shenandoah, where he established his present business. For more than thirty years he has been identified with the grocery trade and also conducts a meat market. He has built up an extensive enterprise in Shenandoah, carrying a large and well selected line of staple and fancy groceries, which he places upon the market at reasonable prices and thereby secures a liberal patronage. In addition to his commercial interests he owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres with valuable water rights in Morgan county, Colorado.

In 1886 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Ella M. Young, of Central City, Nebraska, and they have three children: Ross W., who is now sojourning in Boise City, Idaho, for the benefit of his health; Gerald C. and Robert, both at home. The family occupy a handsome residence at No. 111 South Center street, which is the property of Mr. Anderson.

He is a well known member of the Shenandoah Commercial Club and has always taken an active and helpful interest in any movement pertaining to the city's progress. He belongs to Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A.; to Shenandoah Lodge, A. O. U. W.; and to Lodge No. 1122, B. P. O. E., Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, in which he is serving as a member of the board of trustees. He thus manifests an active and helpful interest in the social and moral development as well as the material progress of the city. His life record has been commendable by reason of his fidelity to duty and to his close adherence to high standards of manhood and citizenship.

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#### WILLIAM HISER.

William Hiser is numbered among the substantial farmers of Tarkio township, where he owns a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, located on section 16. He was born in Wood county, Ohio, November 28, 1848, of the marriage of Jacob and Catherine (Isenauer) Hiser, both of whom were natives of Stark county, that state, where they were reared and married. Subsequently they took up their abode in Wood county,

Ohio, where the father bought a farm, which he operated for several years, and then sold his land and removed to Sandusky county, Ohio. He also engaged in farming in that part of the state and made a specialty of raising horses. Both he and his wife passed away in Sandusky county.

William Hiser of this review was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools. When twenty-three years of age he began farming on his own account and for nine years operated rented land and assisted his father on the home farm. In 1881, subsequent to his father's death, Mr. Hiser came to Page county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm on section 16, Tarkio township. He made the purchase almost wholly on time but as the years passed was able to liquidate his indebtedness and add to his holdings, so that he now owns two hundred and forty acres in one body. In addition to general farming he has also for several years past engaged in breeding heavy draft horses. He owns two of the finest imported stallions in western Iowa, one a French draft and the other a Percheron Norman.

On the first of January, 1873, Mr. Hiser was married to Miss Mary E. Duke, a resident of Sandusky county, Ohio, and they have two sons, Pearl Sylvester and John William. The elder wedded Miss May Coy, of Tarkio township, by whom he has three children, Clyde Lawrence, Orville Leonard and Ortha Lillian. The younger son wedded Miss Anna Martin, a daughter of Henry Martin, of College Springs, Page county. They have two daughters, Mabel, Irene and an infant son. Both the sons are identified with the father in his farming and stock-breeding interests and are worthy young men of the county.

Mr. Hiser is a republican in politics where national issues are concerned but at local elections casts his ballot for the men whom he deems best fitted for office. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Clarinda and he also holds membership with Columbia Camp, No. 1892, M. W. A. He and his wife are devoted members of the Baptist church. They are people of the highest respectability and worth and fully merit the high esteem in which they are held.

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#### HIRAM H. MURPHY.

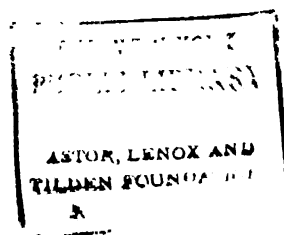
Hiram H. Murphy follows farming on one hundred and sixty acres of land which he owns in Valley township. He well deserves to be mentioned among the older settlers of Page county, as he came to this section about forty-five years ago and has been a factor in developing the county and bringing it to its present splendid condition as a rich agricultural center.

Mr. Murphy is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Shelby county, July 9, 1841. His parents, Porterfield and Katharine (Dora) Murphy, were both born in Pennsylvania and removed westward to Indiana at an early day. They made a location on a tract of timber land, which the father had to clear before the fields could be



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placed under cultivation. The mother died during their residence in the Hoosier state and subsequently, in 1854, the father removed with his family, numbering six children, to Davis county, Iowa, where he spent four years, while in 1858 he returned to Indiana and there departed this life.

Hiram H. Murphy, the only surviving member of the father's family, accompanied his parents on their various removals up to the time of the return to Indiana in 1858. During this time the son had pursued his education in the schools of the various localities in which the family lived. He was a youth of seventeen years when, the father returning to Indiana, he went to Van Buren county, Iowa, where he remained until 1863. He then came to Page county and purchased eighty-three acres of land, retaining possession of the same two years. In the meantime, in 1864, he made an overland trip to Denver, Colorado, with an oxteam, the long and wearisome journey requiring about four months. He spent about a year in the west but had only been in Denver about three weeks, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company C, Third Colorado Volunteer Cavalry, and for five months did duty fighting on the frontier. He was mustered in as corporal and did valiant service in defense of the Union.

Subsequent to his military service, Mr. Murphy returned once more to Page county and purchased the farm on which he has since made his home, the tract embracing one hundred and sixty acres in Valley township. His first home was a log cabin, in which the family lived eight years, but at the end of that time, the country having become better developed, farmers began making more modern improvements and it was then that Mr. Murphy built a comfortable frame dwelling and otherwise improved his place, adding a substantial barn and various other outbuildings for the shelter of his grain and stock. He gives his time to general farming and his efforts are meeting with success.

It was after his return from Colorado that Mr. Murphy was married on the 31st of December, 1868, to Miss Mahala A. Eperson, who was born in Monroe county, Iowa, a daughter of Thomas and Letha Mahala Eperson, both of whom were born in Tennessee and both are now deceased. Mrs. Murphy was one of a family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of ten children, as follows: Dora, the wife of Wilber Lewis, a resident of Taylor county, Iowa; Cyrus, of Valley township; Martin, still under the parental roof; Anna, the wife of Andy Harris, who lives in Wyoming; Jennie G., the wife of Ed Cooper, a resident of Page county; B. E., also in Page county; Nettie M., the wife of John Ashmore, also of Page county; Sarah, the wife of John Swan, of Taylor county, Iowa; Effie, at home; and Frank, who has passed away.

Giving his political allegiance to the democratic party, Mr. Murphy has filled several public offices, having for the past nine years served in the office of township trustee, and he has also served as school director and in other minor offices. He was likewise president of the Old Settlers Association of southwestern Iowa, for two years. Mrs. Murphy is a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Murphy has

made good use of his opportunities and as the years have passed has worked energetically and persistently until he is now in possession of one of the valuable farming properties of Valley township. He has advanced from adversity to prosperity and today, crowned with a goodly competence, he can look back over an honorable and well spent life, while he enjoys to the fullest extent the high regard of all with whom business or social relations bring him in contact.

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#### ANSON DOUTHIT.

Anson Douthit, who is now deceased, was for many years actively connected with agricultural pursuits and as a result of well directed energy and enterprise his labors were crowned with a most gratifying measure of success. He was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1858, and was a son of Nathan and Sarah (Beatty) Douthit, who were of Scotch-Irish and German descent respectively. The parents were among the very earliest settlers of Page county, where they located upon a farm three miles north of Clarinda and where for a number of years they were actively and helpfully engaged in the work of general transformation and improvement, aiding in converting the raw prairie land into richly cultivated fields. Subsequently they removed to Clarinda, where the remainder of their lives was spent, the father's death occurring in January, 1887, while the mother passed away in February, 1898.

Anson Douthit acquired his education in the common schools of his native state and was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the west. The intervening years, up to the time he had attained his majority, were spent on his father's farm with the exception of two years, during which time he was employed by a bridge contractor of Clarinda. When he attained his twenty-first year he rented a farm five miles west of Clarinda, which he cultivated for some time, and later moved to Hitchcock county, Nebraska, where he remained for seven and a half years. Then for a similar period he resided in St. Clair county, Missouri, where he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm. In 1900 he returned to Page county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres located on section 24, Amity township. He was permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for only a short time, as he was called to his final rest on the 29th of August, 1902. Throughout his business career his life had been one of continuous activity in which had been accorded due recognition of honest labor, and his many excellent traits of character made him a valued and respected citizen of the communities in which he resided.

On February 1, 1882, Mr. Douthit was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Hull, who at that time was residing three miles west of Clarinda, Page county. She is a daughter of George and Nancy (Lauver) Hull, both of whom were of German lineage and were born in Adams county, Pennsylv-

vania. They came west in 1866, locating in Knoxville, Illinois, where they resided for four years, and then removed to Iowa, locating six miles east of Villisca, where they made their home for three years. For a short time they lived in various parts of Page county and they settled in Buchanan township in 1888, purchasing a farm of forty acres, which they made their place of residence for nineteen years, when they moved to Braddyville, where both are now residing. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Douthit was blessed with five children: Harry Irwin, at home; Mrs. Georgie Willa Smiley, residing in Amity township; and Elmer Wilkins, Grace Lucretia and Fannie Ruth, all living at home. Mrs. Douthit still resides upon the homestead, the management of which she leaves to her two sons. She is a most estimable lady and occupies a high place in the community in which she lives.

Mr. Douthit's political allegiance was given to the republican party but he never sought nor desired public preferment, choosing rather to devote his entire time and energy to the management of his private business affairs. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Lowry City, Missouri, and was superintendent of the Sunday school, teacher of the Bible class and a deacon of the church for seven years. He was a most active Christian worker whose private life was at all times in harmony with his professions.

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#### OWEN CLARK McCORKLE.

A well improved farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres on section 18, Nodaway township, is the property of Owen Clark McCorkle and it pays a substantial annual tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon the place. Here he carries on general farming and also makes a specialty of dairying. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, for his birth occurred in Lee county, December 6, 1860, his parents being James and Sarah (Clark) McCorkle, who were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, the former born in 1816, and the latter in 1840. She was his second wife and now resides at Clinton, Iowa. The death of Mr. McCorkle occurred at Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1895. He had made farming his life work and was also a stock feeder and shipper, who owned a half section of land, constituting the farm upon which his son Owen was born. For many years he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising but eventually put aside business cares and lived retired. He had two children by his first marriage: Addison, now living in California; and William J., who makes his home with his brother, Owen C., who is the eldest of the four children of the father's second marriage, the others being: Eva, the wife of Charles Lawder, a resident of Dakota, Iowa; Clyde, who is now located in Boston, Massachusetts; and Bella, the wife of E. D. Goldsbury, of Clinton, Iowa.

Owen Clark McCorkle resided in his native county until thirty-three years of age. In his youthful days he pursued his studies in the public schools and afterward had the benefit of instruction in Whittier College, at Salem,

Iowa. When not busy with his text-books his time was largely occupied with the work of the fields and he early received training in the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He continued to make his home in Lee county until the spring of 1894, when he came to Page county and purchased eighty acres of his present farm on section 18, Nodaway township. Later he added forty-four acres on section 17 and now has a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres of rich and arable land, which in golden harvests responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it through the period of plowing and planting. There are also good buildings upon the place which were erected by him. In 1903 his dwelling and two barns were destroyed by fire and also the sheds and cribs upon his place. He has erected all of the buildings now found here and has a farm of modern improvements, lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences that constitute a most important feature in farming interests. He engages somewhat in dairying, milking about fifteen cows.

In 1881 Mr. McCorkle was married to Miss Maria N. Hill, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1859. She is a daughter of Stephen and Isabella (Clark) Hill, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father died in the Keystone state and the mother came to Iowa about 1873. Here her remaining days were passed, her death occurring in Lee county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle have been born three children: Leroy, at home; Walter, who married Gertrude Larrabee, both being now employed at the State Hospital in Clarinda; and Grace, at home.

Politically Mr. McCorkle is a republican. He has served in school and road offices, being officially connected with the schools from the age of twenty-one years. He is an attendant of the Presbyterian church and his substantial qualities have gained him the honor and confidence of his fellowmen. He has never been known to take advantage of another in any business transaction but is always reliable and persevering, placing his dependence upon indefatigable industry and careful management for the attainment of success.

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#### FRED LARSON.

Among the valuable farming properties of Harlan township is the Rose Lawn Fruit Farm on section 10, and classed with the leading horticulturists of this part of the state is its owner, Fred Larson. The practical methods which he employs in the cultivation of fruit and in the development of his farm for the purpose of grain raising have made him one of the foremost and representative citizens of this part of the state. As the name indicates, he is of Swedish birth. He was born March 25, 1856, and is a son of S. J. and Louise (Brigitta) Larson, who spent their entire lives in the old country, where the father was a merchant and clothier.

Fred Larson was the youngest in a family of twelve children, six of whom came to America. He remained a resident of his native land until

eighteen years of age and during that period supplemented his early education by study in Jonkoping College, from which he was graduated in 1875. The favorable reports which he had heard concerning America and its opportunities led him to determine to seek his home on this side of the Atlantic and in 1876 he came alone to the United States. Making his way at once into the interior of the country, he settled first at Princeton, Illinois, where for one year he was employed in a dairy. He then removed to Shelby county, Iowa, where he continued until 1883 and during that period engaged in general farming. In the year mentioned he went to South Dakota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1894. In that year he arrived in Page county and in 1898 purchased forty acres of his present farm. To this he has since added and now owns fifty-three acres on section 10, Harlan township. It was all covered with brush when he took possession, but with characteristic energy he began to clear and improve it and the place is now all in fruit. It is today a valuable property, known as the Rose Lawn Fruit Farm. He has set out fifteen hundred peach trees, five hundred pear trees, one hundred and fifty apple trees, one hundred cherry trees, seventeen hundred grape vines, an acre of raspberries, an acre of blackberries, a half acre of stawberries and three hundred mulberry trees. He also conducts a general gardening business and in July, 1909, he established a cannery and is now canning all kinds of fruit and produce, the fruit formerly selling chiefly to the wholesale trade of Clarinda. He likewise makes a specialty of the raising of Shetland ponies and has twenty head of Shetlands at the present time. His business interests are most capably directed and are bringing substantial returns, portion of the farm yielding six hundred dollars to the acre in fruit. There is only one other man in Page county who is devoting his attention entirely to horticultural pursuits. Mr. Larson always makes exhibits at the fairs, where he has won many premiums.

In 1883 in Shelby county, Iowa, Mr. Larson was married to Miss Kittie Crumb, who was born in Illinois, August 3, 1862, and is a daughter of Lon and Jane (Norcross) Crumb, both of whom were natives of Vermont. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Larson went to South Dakota, at which time he had in his possession sixteen hundred dollars in cash, eight head of horses and five cows and a car load of machinery. He came back in 1903 with one span of ponies. He had cultivated as high as five hundred acres each year, but either droughts or hail storms had caused his loss. He then took up the sale of fencing and machinery and built woven fire fences, continuing in that business for three years, after which he purchased his present farm and has since enjoyed continuously increasing prosperity.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Larson has been blessed with six children: Richard Alonzo, Rex Alfred, Minnie Maude, Nellie Augusta, Inez Gladys and Trixie Pearl. The family is well known in this part of the county, where Mr. Larson justly deserves classification with the leading citizens. He has proved what many had previously doubted, that this district is well qualified for fruit raising and a visit to his farm is most interesting for it

presents a splendid appearance and shows what can be accomplished when intelligence and energy are applied to the utilization of the advantages which nature has offered.

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### S. E. ASHMORE.

The time and attention of S. E. Ashmore is devoted to the improvement and operation of a fine farm of one hundred and seventeen and a half acres of land situated in Valley township, Page county. He is a native of the state of Iowa, born in Des Moines county, June 24, 1853, and a son of George and Margaret (Sheldon) Ashmore. The mother was born on the Emerald isle but the father was a native of the Buckeye state, whence he came to Iowa at an early day. He was long identified with its development and improvement and became an influential citizen, passing away in 1904. The mother is still living and now makes her home in Monona county, Iowa, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years.

S. E. Ashmore of this review is one of a family of nine children. The son entered the common schools at the usual age and therein acquired the knowledge that fitted him to face the responsibilities of life. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then began work as a farm hand, being thus engaged two years. Subsequently he engaged in the dairy business, which he followed six years. However, believing that agricultural life would prove more congenial as well as profitable to him, he then rented land in Des Moines county, operating the same two years, after which he spent seven years on a farm in Monona county. At the end of that period he made a permanent location in Page county, operating rented land here seven years. He had worked earnestly and carefully saved his money, so that he eventually felt justified in making a purchase of land and accordingly became the owner of his present farm, consisting of one hundred, seventeen and a half acres in Valley township. Since taking possession he has made all the improvements which are here found, including a good farm residence, barn and outbuildings, and he uses only the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He understands the best methods of farming and his efforts are rewarded with good crops each year.

It was in 1880 that Mr. Ashmore established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Maggie Reynolds, who was born in Louisa county, Iowa, and is one of a family of nine children whose parents were J. R. and Amanda (Sterling) Reynolds. The former was a native of England, while the latter was born in Indiana. Both the parents have departed this life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore have been born seven children, namely: Maud C. and May C., twins, the former deceased, while the latter is now the wife of William Narigon, a resident of Nodaway, Adams county, Iowa; Guy G., at home; J. W., who makes his home in Page county; Myrtle, deceased; Neva B., still under the parental roof; and Theada E., also at home.

Mr. Ashmore's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party although he has never been active in public life. He has, however, served as school director and is ever deeply interested in a good school system. He is also at the present time serving as road supervisor. Both he and his wife affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Ashmore is acting as a steward.

It is through the efforts of such men as Mr. Ashmore that Valley township has been brought to its present well developed and attractive state. He not only keeps his land in a tillable condition but takes great pride in keeping the buildings and fences about his place in repair. His life has been a busy and active one as is evidenced by the property of which he is today the possessor, and which was acquired through his own earnest and honest toil. The family is one of Page county's best and they have a host of warm friends by whom they are highly esteemed.

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### JOHN T. STUART.

John T. Stuart is an octogenarian, having started upon life's journey more than eighty years ago. He has witnessed many changes in that time for in his youthful days railroad travel was unknown in the west and practically so in the east. Steamboat navigation had made comparatively little progress and such conveniences as are offered by the telegraph and telephone were not as yet dreamed of. Then, too, the greater part of this middle west country was wild and unimproved but it was rich in its possibilities and natural resources. As the years have gone by Mr. Stuart has rejoiced in what has been accomplished and has borne his share in the work of general improvement throughout the period of his residence in Iowa. For a considerable time he was closely identified with farming interests and his official service has also made him a valued and representative resident of this state.

He was born October 3, 1828, in Kentucky, his parents being Roy and Elizabeth (Williams) Stuart, who were natives of Virginia and in childhood days accompanied their respective parents to the Blue Grass state. John T. Stuart spent his youthful days in the acquirement of an education in the subscription schools and in 1847, at the age of nineteen, he came to Iowa. He entered land in Mahaska county from the government, securing one hundred and eighty acres. His brother, who preceded him to Iowa, had located in what is now Van Buren county many years before when it was still a part of Michigan, while subsequently it was a part of Wisconsin. Later the territory of Iowa was set off and eventually was admitted to the Union.

After securing his land John T. Stuart visited his old home occasionally for the next fifteen years but made his home in Van Buren and Lee counties, in both of which he owned land. About 1870 he removed to Council Bluffs and was appointed deputy United States marshal for the western



division of Iowa, filling the position in an acceptable manner for twelve years but his health became somewhat impaired and feeling that a change might prove beneficial he went to Missouri, residing for about a year and a half with a brother in that state.

The year 1884 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Stuart in Shenandoah, where he has since made his home. For a few years he was engaged in the grain business after coming to this city but recently has devoted his time solely to looking after his financial affairs. For twenty-five years he has been a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Shenandoah, and is a stockholder in the Swanson Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Stuart was married in 1854 to Miss Caroline Dunning, of Van Buren county, Iowa, and unto them have been born two daughters, Ella and Elizabeth, both at home. The wife and mother died in 1861 and later Mr. Stuart wedded Miss America Wagner, also of Van Buren county. The only child of this marriage is deceased.

Mr. Stuart is a stalwart republican in politics and while in Van Buren county was appointed sheriff to fill out an unexpired term. At its close he was regularly elected to the office and proved a competent official, discharging his duties without fear or favor. He belongs to the Congregational church and is loyal to its teachings. More than sixty years have passed since he first came to Iowa. He stands as a splendid example of those men who have ever been true to their obligations to their fellowmen and yet through persistent, earnest effort have found the path to success.

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#### CLARENCE G. JOHNSON.

Clarence G. Johnson, a well known and prosperous grocery merchant of Clarinda, was born in Westergotland, Sweden, on the 2d of September, 1859, a son of Charles and Anastina Johnson. In 1867 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up their abode in Henry county, Illinois, the father carrying on agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood. In 1870 he brought his family to Page county, Iowa, being here engaged in the work of the fields throughout the remainder of his active business career. He passed away on the 17th of March, 1909, while his wife was called to her final rest in May, 1902, the community thus losing two of its most widely known and esteemed residents.

Clarence G. Johnson first attended school in Henry county, Illinois, for two years and following the removal of the family to this county he became a pupil in the public schools here. He remained on the home farm until 1880 and then came to Clarinda, where he was employed in a clerical capacity by J. H. Dunlap, a hardware dealer, for nine years. On the expiration of that period he accepted a position as traveling salesman for an Akron (Ohio) firm, selling the Buckeye harvesters and mowers throughout this district. He severed his connection with the company, however, at the end of two years and became engaged in the grocery business in part-

nership with John A. Orth, the enterprise being conducted under the name of Orth & Johnson. That relationship was maintained until 1899, when Mr. Johnson purchased his partner's interest and has since remained the sole proprietor of the establishment. The neat and tasteful arrangement of his goods, his reasonable prices and honorable business dealings are all factors in the success which has attended his efforts as a merchant and he has long been numbered among the most substantial and enterprising citizens of the county.

On the 16th of August, 1893, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Alma D. Falk, a resident of Essex, Page county, and a daughter of Charles M. Falk, who is a farmer by occupation and also conducts a grain elevator. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born four children, namely: Karl M., Bernhard F., Clarence G. and Florence Helene.

Mr. Johnson is a stalwart republican in his political views and until recent years was a most active worker in the local ranks of the party. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character have won him the unbounded confidence and esteem of the entire community and the respect and admiration of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### HENRY GOECKER.

Ohio has furnished her full quota of substantial citizens to the Hawkeye state, among which number is Henry Goecker, who since 1876 has lived in Page county and is now a prosperous farmer, owning four hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable land all in one body. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 20, 1852, his parents being Bernhart and Katharine (Rose) Goecker, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. In the year 1842 they arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and were married there. They remained residents of that state until 1854 when they removed with their family to Jackson county, Indiana, and spent their remaining days upon the farm on which they settled when they took up their abode in that state. The father first worked in a brick yard in Cincinnati and afterward established a brick yard in that city on his own account but after going to Indiana gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His wife died June 17, 1878, while he survived until March 17, 1892, when he also passed away. Their family numbered seven children: Henry; William, a resident of Indiana; Ferdinand, living in Page county, Iowa; Henrietta, the wife of A. G. Ostermann, of Seymour, Indiana; Mrs. Charlotte Brummer, now deceased; Louis, whose home is in Yorktown; Elizabeth, the wife of George Klostermann, of Jackson county, Indiana; and August, who is living in the same county.

Henry Goecker was only two years old when his parents removed with their family to Jackson county, Indiana, and there he was reared amid the wild scenes and environment of pioneer life, sharing with the family in all

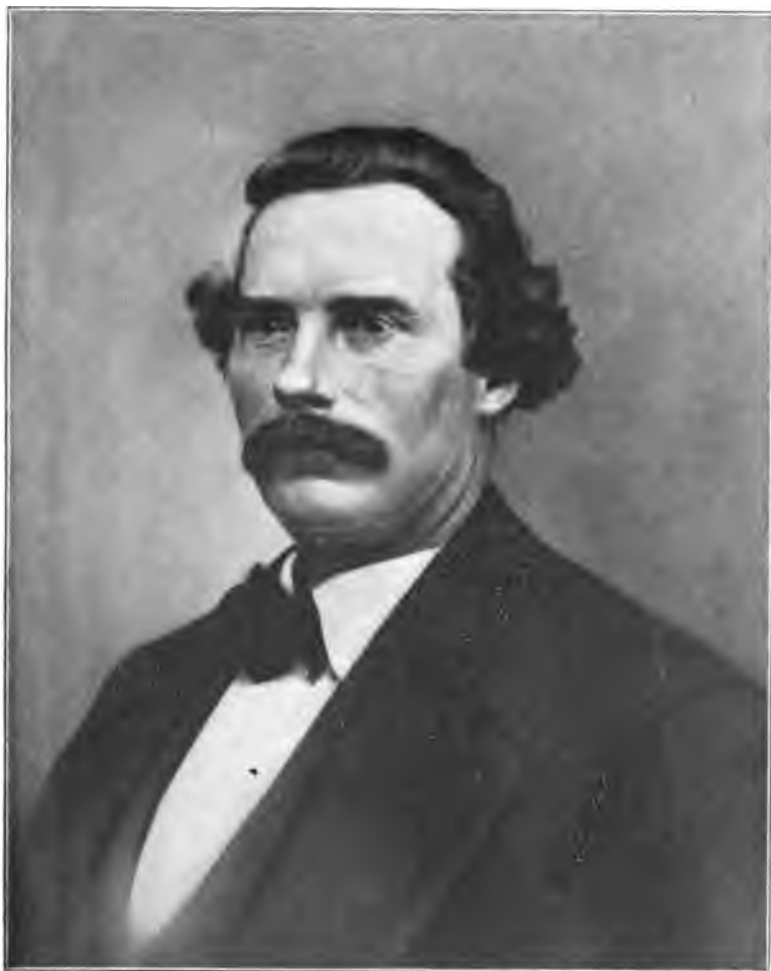
of the hardships that fall to those who establish homes on the frontier. He also assisted in the arduous task of developing new land and worked at farm labor through the periods of vacation while in the winter months he acquired his education by attending the public schools. In 1876 he came to Page county, Iowa, with four other young men and has since lived continuously in this county. For two years he worked as a farm hand for Henry Ottie, now his father-in-law, and at the end of that time married Mr. Ottie's daughter and took up his abode upon the farm in Nodaway township. It was a place of seventy-two acres upon which he lived for fourteen years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present farm on section 1 of the same township and he now owns a valuable property of four hundred and thirty-five acres all in one body. On this are two sets of buildings which are substantial and kept in a state of good repair. There are large sheds and cribs for the shelter of grain and stock and none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century are lacking. Most of the shade trees upon the place have been planted by Mr. Goecker and in following general farming and stock-raising he is meeting with excellent success for in all of his business ideas he is practical and his energy and enterprise enable him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles that ever bar the path to prosperity.

In 1878 Mr. Goecker was joined in wedlock to Miss Hannah L. Ottie and unto them have been born seven children: Frank, who is living in Oklahoma; Charlotte, the wife of Frank Wilds of the same state; Daniel, who married Laura Windhorst and resides upon a farm in Nodaway township; Louisa, the wife of B. M. Janssen of Oklahoma; Anna, Ulysses and Benjamin, all at home. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and Mr. Goecker votes with the republican party. His time and attention, however, are given solely to his business affairs and his valuable property is the visible evidence of his life of unfaltering energy and thrift. He has worked diligently and persistently to attain success, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined and honorable effort and his record shows what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do, for the Maplebrook stock farm is one of the valuable properties of the county and the owner is now numbered among the leading stock-raisers of this part of the state.

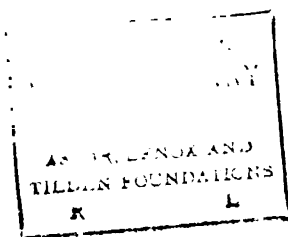
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#### JOHN F. M. PORTER.

John F. M. Porter, a highly respected farmer of Grant township, whose modern and progressive methods are evidenced in the well kept appearance of his place on section 9, was born in Cabell county, West Virginia, on the 20th of January, 1832. His parents were John and Jane (Burns) Porter, who were likewise natives of Cabell county, West Virginia, where they lived until about 1838 and then removed to Ohio, where they spent two years. In 1840 they became residents of Tippecanoe county, Indiana,



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where the death of the father occurred. The mother afterward became the wife of Thomas Coon and with him removed to Cass county, Iowa, in 1853, their last days being spent in that locality.

John F. M. Porter was a lad of only nine summers when his father died and at that early age he began to provide for his own support by working for neighboring farmers. His educational opportunities were necessarily curtailed as it was imperative that he provide for his own support. His father, however, had been a school teacher for years and had sown the seeds of learning in the youthful mind of his son, who, ambitious to improve his knowledge, has largely utilized his leisure hours in reading and study. In this way he has acquired broad, general learning, and in the school of experience has also mastered many of the difficult lessons of life.

Mr. Porter continued to work as a farm hand until he had attained his majority and soon afterward he made arrangements for having a home of his own by renting land and providing a companion and helpmate for life's journey in his marriage, which was celebrated on the 29th of January, 1852, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Jane Jordan, a native of Tippecanoe county, Indiana. For two years thereafter Mr. Porter engaged in the cultivation of rented land and then sought a home in Iowa, making his way west of the Mississippi in company with his wife and two children. They settled in Cass county and Mr. Porter invested his earnings in a farm of two hundred acres. He also secured credit and purchased five yoke of oxen, with which he intended to break prairie, hoping by his earnings in that way to make the additional payment upon his land. However, it developed that those for whom he intended to break the sod had no money with which to pay him, so that the following year he sold his land and brought his cattle to Page county. He took up his abode in Grant township, where at different times he purchased various tracts of land, securing some from the government and other tracts from individuals. He also bought land from the county which he secured on long time payments. In this way, through his various investments, he became the owner of over a thousand acres. He has continuously resided in Grant township and is today one of its oldest residents, having witnessed its development from pioneer times to the present. As the years have passed he has placed his farms under cultivation and his success has been assured by reason of the fact that the land is naturally rich and arable and because he is diligent, persevering and energetic in all of his business affairs.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter was blessed with five children, of whom four are yet living, namely: Julia C., the wife of George Maxwell, of Grant township; John C., also of Grant township; William, who resides in Essex, Page county; and Thomas, of Pierce township. The wife and mother died February 26, 1886, after they had traveled life's journey together for more than a third of a century.

In his political views Mr. Porter was originally a whig and on the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new republican party, which he has continued to support. He has been a very successful man, having accumulated a fortune, but in recent years has divided his property among

his children and others, retaining only a sufficient amount to give him a comfortable income, for he has desired that his children should have the benefit of the property while he is yet living. While he has reached the age of seventy-seven years, he is yet a well preserved man, and his record is one which wins for him in the evening of life the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to those of advanced years.

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### JOSEPH MORHAIN.

Joseph Morhain is one of the wealthy landowners of Page county, owning altogether four hundred and forty acres of land here, and all this is the outcome of the wise use of a capital of three hundred dollars which he possessed upon his arrival in this country. He is also well known in financial circles in this part of the state as one of the organizers of the Security Trust & Savings Bank, of Shenandoah, of which he is acting as vice president and serving on the board of directors.

Mr. Morhain was born in Lorraine, France, February 10, 1850, a son of Stevens and Mary (Posser) Morhain. The father was reared in France and served as an officer in the French army under Louis Philippe. He was married in that country and about 1844 came to the United States, leaving his family in France. Soon after he arrived in this country the Mexican war broke out and Mr. Morhain's services were secured as a drill master for the army. He served in that position during the period of hostilities and in 1848 returned to his own country, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring when he had reached the age of sixty-five years. His wife died when sixty-nine years of age. Her father served under LaFayette in the war for Independence.

Joseph Morhain was reared under the parental roof and his education, which was begun in the public schools, was completed by graduation from St. Ann Normal College with the class of 1867. He had a strong desire to enter the army but was opposed in this by his parents, so he remained at home until 1871. Foreseeing no future in France for him and having heard and read a great deal about the freedom and the opportunity for advancement in this country, he decided to leave home. It was on the 12th day of July of that year that he first set foot on American soil, landing in New York city. He made his way westward to St. Louis, Missouri, from which place he went to St. Clair county, Illinois, and for three years was employed at farm labor.

In 1874 Mr. Morhain continued his journey westward to Page county, Iowa, and for three years operated rented land. At the end of that time, in 1877, he purchased a farm of eighty acres, located on section 12, Grant township, this tract constituting a portion of his present home place. On this land stood a small frame house, sixteen by twenty-two feet, in which the family lived until 1886, when Mr. Morhain remodeled and added to this dwelling, and in 1906 he built a modern and commodious house, his

being one of the fine residences of this section. It is supplied with hot and cold water, bath, furnace, and all modern improvements. As he prospered in his undertakings he also added to his landed possessions and in 1892 purchased a tract of eighty acres adjoining his first purchase, while in 1898 he added another eighty acre tract, so that his home farm now embraces three hundred and twenty acres in Grant township. In 1900 he purchased a farm of eighty acres a mile south of his home farm, and in 1903 he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Morton township, so that he owns altogether four hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. Mr. Morhain's capital consisted of but three hundred dollars at the time of his arrival in this country but his wise investment of this has led to his present financial success.

In 1878 Mr. Morhain was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Nies, of Hamburg, Fremont county, Iowa, and their union has been blessed with two sons and one daughter: William, who follows farming in Grant township; John Joseph, who operates a farm belonging to his father; and Elizabeth, at home.

Mr. Morhain gives his political support to the republican party and for thirteen years served as a member of the school board, the cause of education ever receiving his hearty cooperation. He has made wise use of his talents and opportunities and has met with well merited success. A public-spirited citizen, he is loyal to his adopted country and since coming to Page county has made many friends, by whom he is highly esteemed.

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### JOHN MIDDAUGH.

John Middaugh, a representative agriculturist of Page county, owning a well improved and productive farm of two hundred and forty acres in Nodaway township, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 4th of May, 1851, his parents being George and Susan (Oswalt) Middaugh. The family is of German extraction. George Middaugh, the father of our subject, whose birth occurred in Indiana, removed to Illinois in his boyhood days and in 1871 came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Douglas township, Page county. He continued to reside upon that place until the year 1880, when he took up his abode near Neck, Jasper county, Missouri, where he has made his home to the present time. His time and energies have been given to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and he has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Oswalt and whom he wedded in Illinois, was a native of the state of Ohio. Her demise occurred in 1875 at Villisca, Iowa, where her remains were interred. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, as follows: John, of this review; Anna, who passed away when two years of age; James, who died at the age of nine years; Louisa, whose demise occurred in 1877; Rosa, who passed away at Maryville, Missouri, in 1881; one who died in infancy;



Lydia, the wife of Frank Reeder, an agriculturist of Neck, Missouri; and Susie, the wife of B. J. Hoffman, of Pittsburg, Kansas.

John Middaugh obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He then began farming the place on which he now resides, first renting the property for three years. On the expiration of that period he bought forty acres of land across the road, erected a house and barn, as well as all necessary outbuildings, and as the years have gone by has equipped the place with all modern improvements. His farm now embraces a tract of two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land and in its cultivation he has won a substantial and well merited degree of prosperity, annually garnering bounteous harvests. The success which he today enjoys is due entirely to his own efforts, for he started out in life empty-handed and through his own energy, economy and perseverance he has gradually worked his way upward until he is now numbered among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

In 1876 Mr. Middaugh was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Fisher, by whom he had one child, Charley, now deceased. In his political views Mr. Middaugh is an unfaltering republican and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He has held the office of trustee for nine years and is now serving as president of the board. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 139, at Clarinda, in which he has filled some of the chairs. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Page county and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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#### WILLIAM C. DOW.

William C. Dow, numbered among the pioneer residents of Page county, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, December 2, 1836. He is a son of John and Eliza (Weber) Dow, natives of Connecticut and New York respectively. They were pioneer settlers of the western portion of the Empire state and William C. Dow was there born in a log cabin in the midst of the forests. His parents were reared and married in New York and there spent their remaining days. The death of the mother occurred in 1856 when she was about forty years of age and the father, long surviving her, died in 1897 at the age of eighty-eight years. John Dow was the son of Daniel Dow, a native of Connecticut, who died near College Springs, Iowa, in 1859, having come to this state to live with his sons. He was a farmer by occupation and in following that pursuit provided a comfortable living for his family, which numbered seven children: Dan, John, Benjamin, James, Aaron, Isabelle and Rachel. William C. Dow was the second in order of birth in a family of five children. The others were: Daniel, of Washington; Mary, now the wife of William M. Woods, of Nodaway; James, who died in

Kansas; Mrs. Gertrude Teft, deceased; and Belle, the wife of Charles H. Fleckenstein, of New York, was a child of the father's second marriage.

As previously stated, William C. Dow spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the place of his nativity and on attaining his majority came to Page county, Iowa, with an elder brother, Daniel M. Dow. They made the journey by rail to Mount Pleasant, which was then the nearest railroad point to this county, and from there they walked the remainder of the way. William C. Dow resided with his uncles, Aaron and Daniel Dow, who had preceded them. Aaron Dow assisted in laying out College Springs and the family were closely associated with the early progress of the community. William C. Dow made his home with his uncle, aided in breaking the raw prairie and otherwise assisting in the arduous labor of developing the farm, and in the winter months he engaged in teaching school for two seasons. There came an interruption to his labors on the 6th of August, 1861, when he enlisted as a member of Company K, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Joseph Cramer, of this county, with whom he served for three years, being honorably discharged in September, 1864, at Jonesboro, Georgia. He took part in the battle of Pea Ridge and in the engagements at Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and those of the Atlanta campaign. During the latter part of his services he was detailed for duty with the pioneer corps and all during his connection with the army he was never wounded nor taken prisoner, remaining with his regiment throughout the entire time.

When the country no longer needed his aid, Mr. Dow returned to Ohio, where he spent the winter after being mustered out. In the spring of 1865 he removed to Mercer county, Illinois, where he resided until the fall of 1867, when he came to Page county, Iowa, and has since made his home here. For fifteen years he resided on a farm four miles northeast of College Springs and since that time has lived in the town. Here he has conducted a wagon repair shop, but at length, becoming unable to do manual labor, he retired and is now enjoying a well earned rest.

On the 24th of March, 1865, Mr. Dow was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda M. Lafferty, who was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, March 17, 1841, and was a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (McDowell) Lafferty. She went with her parents to Illinois in the spring of 1865 and there resided until her marriage, after which she came with her husband to Iowa and here lived until called to her final home in June, 1907. She was one of a family of fourteen children and by her marriage became the mother of six children: W. Newton, who is superintendent of the rural telephone system of Clarinda; Nettie L., the wife of Edwin S. King, of Rich Hill, Missouri; Gertrude L., the wife of George R. Murray, of Holt county, Missouri; Chester, living in College Springs, where he is well known as the owner and publisher of the Current Press; Oella, the wife of D. Brichard, of Amity township; and Walter E., of Carroll county, Missouri.

Mr. Dow was a member of the Congregational church until it was disbanded about two years ago. He has always been interested in Amity College, in which he has educated his children, and his influence and aid are ever given on the side of intellectual and moral as well as material progress.

He has become widely known during the long years of his residence here and his many substantial and sterling qualities have gained him the high regard in which he is now uniformly held.

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### JOHN BEAM.

John Beam, who since 1902 has lived retired in Clarinda, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of January, 1831, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (Clendening) Beam, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father, who was an iron worker by trade, passed away on the 16th of May, 1884, when he had attained the age of eighty-six years. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Evangelical Association. The death of his wife occurred in Pennsylvania on the 17th of April, 1846. The eight children born of their union were as follows: Eliza; Jacob; Katherine, who is deceased; John, of this review; Margaret, Christian and Samuel, all of whom have passed away; and William.

John Beam obtained his education in the district and subscription schools and remained in the county of his nativity until twenty-two years of age, there learning the miller's trade. In 1853 he crossed the Allegheny mountains and came to Iowa, making the journey by canal boat. Locating in Louisa county, he there carried on general agricultural pursuits for a year and then went to Muscatine, Iowa, where he conducted a transfer business until 1858. Subsequently he made his way to Nodaway county, Missouri, and during his year's residence there assisted his brother-in-law in the improvement of a farm. In 1859 he returned to Muscatine, Iowa, where he was engaged in general farming until 1865, when he again went to Nodaway county, Missouri, there remaining until April, 1866.

At that time he came to Clarinda and purchased the hotel known as the Clarinda House, which stood on the northeast corner of the public square, continuing as the proprietor of this hostelry for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period, in 1882, he sold out and bought a farm of two hundred and six acres, situated two miles north of Clarinda, in the cultivation and improvement of which he was successfully engaged for twenty years. At the end of that time he sold the property to the state for one hundred dollars an acre, being the first man in Page county to secure that prize. In 1902, having accumulated a handsome competence, he put aside active business cares and took up his abode at No. 204 East Lincoln avenue in Clarinda, where he owns an attractive and commodious residence. At one time he was the owner of considerable property but has divided it all among his children. Untiring, persistent and well directed labor was the basis of the prosperity which crowned his efforts and which now enables him to spend his remaining days in well earned ease, surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 26th of February, 1856, in Muscatine, Iowa, Mr. Beam was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Shoemaker. Her maternal great-grandfather, Mr. Scudder, participated in the Revolutionary war as a member of the commissary department and Mr. Beam now has in his possession the book in which he kept his accounts. Stephen Bell, the grandfather of Mrs. Beam, was a native of New Jersey, born on the 18th of August, 1774. He was very influential in the affairs of the Methodist Protestant church and was sent as a delegate to the first conference of that denomination, which was held in Baltimore in 1827. He was the first mayor of Springfield, Ohio, and also represented his district in the Ohio legislature in 1839. His demise occurred on the 14th of November, 1852. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beam were born four children, namely: Belle; Allie, who is deceased; Charles; and Ervin. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 28th of February, 1899, her demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

In his political views Mr. Beam is a stalwart advocate of the democracy, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Clarinda Chapter and Pilgrim Commandery. His life in its varied relations has ever been honorable and upright and throughout the county where he has now made his home for more than four decades he is recognized as a leading, respected and representative citizen.

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#### MRS. A. K. CHRISTENSEN.

Mrs. A. K. Christensen is a resident of Coin and in addition to the town property which she owns she has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township. A native of Denmark, she was born in 1847 of the marriage of Madison and Carrie (Henderson) Madison, both of whom died in Denmark. Mrs. Christensen spent her girlhood days there and when nineteen years of age came to the United States with her brother, settling in Illinois. In 1868 she gave her hand in marriage to N. B. Christensen, also a native of Denmark, born April 18, 1840. The wedding was celebrated in Illinois, where they resided until 1871, when they came to Page county, Iowa, where Mrs. Christensen has since lived. They purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw land on which a dwelling was erected and for four years they made that farm their home, Mr. Christensen carefully cultivating the fields. At length, however, he sold the property and bought another farm of one hundred and sixty acres. It was a tract of raw land, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began its development, erected buildings there which furnished ample shelter for grain and stock and for a long number of years made the place his home. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his holdings until in addition to the home farm he owned three hundred and twenty acres, which at his death was divided among the children. He was quite prosperous in his business career, basing his

business principles upon the rules which govern unfaltering energy and strict unswerving integrity. He was seldom at fault in matters of business judgment and his success was honorably won. He continued a resident of this county up to the time of his death, which occurred May 9, 1888. The community thereby lost a representative farmer, the county a reliable citizen, his neighbors a faithful friend and his family a devoted and loving husband and father.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have been born nine children. Peter, now a farmer of Morton township, married Sadie Wilson and has five children: Glenn, Grace, Roy, Paul and Boyd. Augusta is the wife of Walter Dougherty, who resides upon the old Christensen homestead in Washington township, and they have four children: Benjamin, Lester, Elsie and Dale. William, who is a graduate of Highland College of Des Moines and is now engaged in school teaching at Dubuque, Iowa, married Ora Spencer, who died leaving one child, Alfred, who makes his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Christensen. Charles, who follows farming near Fullerton, Nebraska, wedded Mabel Bently and they have two children: Ralph and Clyde. Carrie is the wife of Ed Gamble, a farmer of Morton township, by whom she has three children: Merle, Esther and Thelma. Emma is at home with her mother. John, living in Colfax township, married Clemmie Jeffrey, and they have two children: Newell J. and John F. Anna, a graduate of the Coin high school of the class of 1903, is at home. Edwin completes the family and is yet under the parental roof.

In 1905 Mrs. Christensen removed to Coin, where she now makes her home. She is a member of the Methodist church of that place and is well known in the town and throughout the county where a large circle of warm friends entertain for her high regard.

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#### ALEXANDER B. CLARK.

Alexander B. Clark, a prominent and successful attorney of Clarinda, practicing in partnership with William F. Stipe under the firm style of Stipe & Clark, was born on the 18th of March, 1874, a son of Talton E. and Mary B. (Burtch) Clark. The father was a resident of Clarinda from 1867 until the time of his demise on the 20th of April, 1902. He was admitted to the bar in this city and throughout his entire career remained a leading and successful member of the legal profession, while for ten years he ably represented his district in the state senate. His widow still makes her home in Clarinda, where she is a well known and highly esteemed resident.

Alexander B. Clark first attended the public schools of Clarinda and then entered the law department of the Iowa State University, being graduated from that institution in 1894. A year later he began the practice of law in partnership with his father under the firm style of Clark & Son, while subsequently he prosecuted his profession in Kansas City, Missouri, for two years. In 1908 he formed a partnership with William F. Stipe for the prac-

tice of law in Clarinda and the firm has since enjoyed an extensive and distinctively representative clientage. While yet a young man, Mr. Clark has attained an enviable position in professional circles, the favorable decisions which he has won in the courts attesting his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and his correct application thereof to the points in litigation.

On the 23d of December, 1903, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Anna Rex, a resident of Creston, Iowa, and a daughter of C. S. Rex, who is a retired lumber merchant. By this union there is one son, Talton Rex Clark.

Mr. Clark casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is an active party worker. In January, 1907, he was elected to the office of justice of the peace and in 1909 was re-elected, so that he is now the incumbent in that position, the duties of which he discharges in a most able and impartial manner. He likewise served as deputy clerk of the county court for one year. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian and has served as trustee of the church of that denomination for the past two years. Practically his entire life has been passed in Clarinda, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance, many of his staunchest friends having known him from his boyhood.

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#### J. H. HUSEMAN.

It is a noticeable fact that young men are continually forging to the front in commercial and industrial lines, the truth of which statement is found in the life record of J. H. Huseman, who, although one of the recent additions to the business activities of Yorktown, has already gained a creditable place for himself among the merchants of this city. A native of Page county, Iowa, he was born in Lincoln township, January 14, 1879, and is therefore but thirty years of age. He is a son of William and Minnie (Segebade) Huseman, natives of Germany, the former born in Hanover and the latter in Oldenburg. The father came to the United States about thirty-six years ago and the mother arrived here about two years later. They were married in this country and became the parents of four children, namely: J. H., of this review; Lena, the wife of Henry Miller, of Lincoln township; William and Martha, both at home. The parents are both living and now make their home on a farm of two hundred acres in Lincoln township, Page county.

Reared to farm life amid the scenes and environments of his native township, J. H. Huseman there attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained upon his father's farm, assisting in the work of the fields, until 1905, when he came to Yorktown, where he purchased his present hardware store. He has since directed his energies toward the conduct of his business, and although his residence in this city covers only four years, he has, nevertheless, already attained a place among the prosperous and progressive merchants and is enjoying a most gratifying patronage.

Energetic and industrious, he possesses good business ability and the power to carefully manage his affairs, two features which are essential in the ultimate attainment of success. He also owns the building in which his business is located, a brick structure consisting of one story and basement, twenty-five by fifty-four feet.

In August, 1907, Mr. Huseman was united in marriage to Miss Ida List, born in Frankenmuth, Michigan, on the 29th of August, 1889, and a daughter of J. M. List. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Huseman has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Lucy. Mr. Huseman is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in the work of which he is helpfully interested. Although one of the younger members of mercantile interests of Yorktown, he has already attained a measure of success that augurs well for the future. During the four years of their residence in this town he and his wife have gained a number of warm friends and are numbered among the highly esteemed young people of the community.

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#### C. C. POLLY.

C. C. Polly, a representative citizen and a grocer of Shenandoah, Iowa, was born in Randolph county, near Union City, Indiana, February 12, 1848, the son of Dr. Samuel and Anna (Mote) Polly. The father was a native of either Virginia or Ohio, the mother was born in Darke county, the latter state, where the couple met and were married. Dr. Polly had considerable practice in his profession there, but shortly after his marriage he took his family to Randolph county, Indiana, and there made a place for himself as a physician. In 1856 he came to Iowa, locating in Osceola, where he practiced his profession for some eighteen or nineteen years. His next move was to Monona county, this state, in which he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1896. His wife survived him some five years. Both parents were members of the Christian church and were held in high regard.

C. C. Polly received his fundamental preparation for life at home and in the common schools. When he had attained the age of twenty he began life for himself as a farmer, at first renting a farm in Clarke county, near Osceola, and one in Warren county. After four years' trial of this kind of work he removed to Monona county, where he purchased his first farm. This he cultivated until 1882, when he decided to enter upon another phase of life. Having disposed of this piece of property he embarked in general merchandising, opening up a store first in Whiting, Iowa. Eleven years later he sold his interest in the business and for the next seven years was variously employed. In February, 1900, he came to Shenandoah, and, seeing a suitable opening, the following July he opened a grocery store at his present location, 519 West Sheridan Avenue. Here he has won the confidence of the people and has built up an extensive trade.

On the 25th of February, 1868, Mr. Polly was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Farley, of Palmyra, Warren county, Iowa. No children have been born of this marriage. Mr. Polly is a member of Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A., of Shenandoah and is a conspicuous person at many of its social gatherings, besides being closely identified with its interests and those of his fraternal brothers. When called upon to exercise his franchise he casts his vote for the candidate of the republican party as upholding the political principles with which he is most in sympathy. Mr. Polly is a man highly esteemed among the citizens of Shenandoah, for he has been found to be honorable in all his dealings, and ever evinces a strong desire to satisfy the wants of those that give him their custom.

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### JAMES H. WHITEHILL.

James H. Whitehill is proprietor of a restaurant, candy and cigar store in Clarinda, and his well appointed establishment, the excellent line of goods which he carries and his courteous and obliging manner to his customers are important elements in the success which he has won and which now classes him with the leading merchants of the community. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 2, 1852, and is a son of John R. and Margaret (Holmes) Whitehill. The father was a stone and brick mason by trade and followed that pursuit in his earlier manhood but subsequently turned his attention to farming. He continued his residence in the Buckeye state until 1857, when he removed with his family to Illinois, settling at Monmouth.

James H. Whitehill was then but five years of age. He was educated in the public schools and began life as a farmer, having become familiar with the work of the fields in his boyhood days through the assistance which he rendered his father. Thinking to enjoy better business opportunities and secure advancement more quickly in western Iowa, James H. Whitehill came to Clarinda on the 14th of October, 1876. He here began work as a laborer and for five years he acted as an engineer, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until he was enabled to make investment in a farm. He had farmed in Taylor county for seven years previous to locating in this place. He worked diligently and persistently to bring his place under a high state of cultivation and as the years passed his property became very valuable. In 1902, however, he sold his farm and again took up his residence in Clarinda. He remained in this county from 1876 until 1893. In the latter year he sold out and went to Des Moines county but in 1895 disposed of his business interests there and returned to Taylor county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1902. In that year he again came to Clarinda and bought his present business, being now proprietor of a good restaurant. He always carries a large line of candy and cigars and all branches of his business are profitably conducted. The store is twenty-four by one hundred feet and is well equipped. In addition to his other in-



terests Mr. Whitehill was at one time engineer electrician of the Clarinda Electric Light & Power Company, filling the position for two years. His agricultural interests, however, now make heavy demands upon his time and attention and in his chosen field of labor he is making steady progress.

On the 1st of October, 1874, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Mary E. Carnagey, a native of Mercer county, Illinois, and a daughter of John J. Carnagey, a resident farmer of that part of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill have three children: Nora, who is now the wife of William A. Weller, a resident of Ottawa township, Taylor county, where he follows farming; Ada Ellen, the wife of A. C. Eastman, who carries on general agricultural pursuits in Ottawa township, Taylor county; and Edna Virginia, the wife of Thomas E. Martindale, proprietor of the South Side Bakery at Clarinda. They also lost one child, Elvira, who was the wife of Bert Dickson, of Roverton, Nebraska.

Mr. Whitehill is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and at one time was master of the exchequer. He has many friends both within and without the order, for his sterling qualities are such as command respect and confidence in every land and clime.

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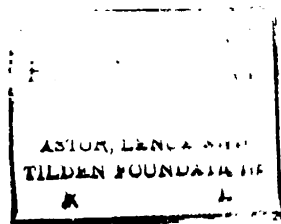
#### WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS.

General farming and stock raising command the attention of William J. Williams, who cultivates an extensive tract of land in Valley township known as the Woodlawn Stock Farm, eight and a half miles north of Clarinda. He is a man who, through close application and perseverance, coupled with hard work and careful management now ranks among the representative and progressive agriculturists of Page county. He was born in England on the 25th of April, 1852, and is a son of John and Amy (Rogers) Williams. The father, who is now living retired on his farm of six hundred acres in Valley township, is mentioned more extensively on another page of this volume.

William J. Williams came with his parents to the United States when about fourteen years of age, the family locating first in Wisconsin and coming to Page county, Iowa, in the fall of 1870. He acquired his education in the schools of his native country and after arriving in the new world devoted his time to assisting his father in the work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority when, wisely deciding to follow as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, he took up farming on his own account, moving to the well known Woodlawn Stock Farm at the age of thirty years. He has since continued to make this his place of residence and has directed his energies to its further cultivation and improvement. That he has prospered in his agricultural pursuits is indicated by the fact that as the years have gone by he has been able to add to his holdings from time to time until he is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land in Valley and Douglas townships and



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also nine hundred and sixty acres in Canada, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He rents his Canada land. He is ranked among the large land owners of Page county and his success is but the direct result of unfaltering industry and untiring perseverance. In connection with his general farming he gives much time and attention to the raising and feeding of stock, and this branch of his business is also proving a very profitable one.

On the 19th of December, 1889, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Bair, a native of Illinois. She is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bair, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed from that state to Henry county, Illinois, and came to Page county, Iowa, in 1869, locating in Colfax township, where Mr. Bair purchased a farm and continued to reside for many years. He is now living retired in Clarinda, but his wife died in 1900 at the age of sixty-nine years. In their family were six children, namely: Isabelle, now Mrs. Williams; Anna, the wife of J. T. Monzingo, residing in Oklahoma; John, a resident of Clarinda; Allen, of Amity township, this county; Alexander, of Colfax township; and Bessie, the wife of J. B. Hurst, of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are both members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is one of the elders. In politics William is a republican in all national matters, but he reserves the power in local elections to vote for the best man, regardless of his party connections. He has served as school director, but outside of that has never held public office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his private business matters. He is up-to-date and progressive in his methods, possesses good business ability and through his own efforts entirely has attained the gratifying degree of prosperity which he now enjoys.

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#### WALTER C. CRAMER.

Walter C. Cramer, who has been successfully engaged in the jewelry business at Clarinda since August, 1905, was born on the 16th of February, 1874, a son of Ansel B. and Mary F. (Grosvenor) Cramer, who came to Clarinda from Chickasaw county, Iowa, in 1860. The father was an accountant and acted as city clerk at one time. He had made his way from Vermont to this state in the year 1857. His demise occurred in 1892, when he had attained the age of sixty-four years, but his widow still survives, being a well known and respected resident of Clarinda.

Walter C. Cramer supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the public schools, by a course of study in the Clarinda Educational Institute. In 1889 he went to Monte Vista, Colorado, where he was engaged in the lumber business in association with his brother, O. A. Cramer, for a period of three years. At the end of that time he returned to Clarinda and was here engaged as a clerk until 1896, when he secured employment in a jewelry store for the purpose of acquainting himself with the trade

in principle and detail. In 1898 he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in order to gain still further knowledge of the jewelry business and on returning to Clarinda became identified with that line of activity. It was in August, 1905, that he went into business on his own account as a dealer in jewelry and has been thus engaged to the present time, owning a fine store on the west side of the square.

On the 1st of June, 1899, Mr. Cramer wedded Miss Maud Thompson, a resident of Clarinda and a daughter of I. M. Thompson, an agriculturist by occupation. By this union there are two sons, Loel B. and Clarence Maxwell. Fraternally Mr. Cramer is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church, in which he is acting as elder and also as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a man of good business ability, of exemplary habits and upright character, is worthy the trust of his fellow-men and fully merits the good will which is uniformly extended him.

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#### HENRY J. SUNDERMAN.

Among the native sons of Page county who have always remained residents of this part of the state is numbered Henry J. Sunderman, whose birth occurred in Douglas township on the 3d of November, 1883. He is a son of Henry and Sophia Sunderman, the former now deceased and the latter of Douglas township. The father for many years was one of the extensive farmers and landowners of this portion of the state, recognized as a business man of marked ability, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

In the usual manner of farm lads of the age and locality Henry J. Sunderman was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained at home until he had attained his majority and then removed to one of his father's farms, which he now owns. He is today the possessor of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 14, Douglas township, and he handles stock of all kinds, keeping in his fields, lots and pastures good grades of horses, cattle and hogs. His fields, too, are well tilled and everything about his place indicates the supervision of a careful and progressive owner. In addition to his farming interests he has other business affairs, being now treasurer of the Fairview & Bethesda Telephone Company.

Mr. Sunderman was united in marriage to Miss Sedalie Goecker, who was born in Nodaway township in 1881 and is a daughter of John and Mary (Riskey) Goecker, who are now living in Nodaway township. They were the parents of four daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sunderman have been born four children: Harley J., whose birth occurred May 24, 1902; Bertholdt J., born on the 12th of March, 1904; Elvira M. S., born December 11, 1905; and Clara R. V., born April 20, 1907.

The parents are affiliated with the German Lutheran church and Mr. Sunderman is a progressive citizen, interested in the welfare of the community and active in support of many measures for the public good. He is a busy man, constantly occupied with the duties relative to the development and improvement of his farm, and during the years of his residence in this county his substantial probity as a business man and his progressiveness in citizenship have gained him his present firm hold on the good will and regard of his fellow townsmen.

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### SETH WARREN EDMONDS.

Among the native sons of Page county, who have made creditable records in business, winning success through intelligent and well directed effort, is numbered Seth Warren Edmonds, who was born in Nodaway township, September 18, 1857. He is the eldest of the four children of Alphonso and Peachy Julia (Sampson) Edmonds, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. He has always resided in this county and his youthful days were spent in his parents' home. At the usual age he began his education, pursuing his studies in the public schools while the periods of vacation were devoted to the work on the home farm. He resided with his father until he had attained his majority and afterward worked by the month as a farm hand until he had saved sufficient capital to enable him to engage in farming on his own account. He first rented land and so continued to till the soil until 1887 when he purchased a half interest in one hundred and sixty acres, upon which his father now resides. He resided on another farm belonging to his father for three years and then came to his present place of residence, having here one hundred and eight acres on section 6, Nodaway township. Its location is about four and a half miles north of Clarinda on the Wall Street road and the good buildings which formed a pleasing feature of the place were erected by Mr. Edmonds. The land was only partially broken when he took possession thereof and the buildings were all poor but with resolute spirit he set to work to make this a model farm property and the result of his labors is seen in the excellently improved tract of land which he today owns and cultivates. From the time of early spring planting he is busily engaged in the work of the fields until crops are harvested in the late autumn when he receives the generous reward of his labors.

In 1884 Mr. Edmonds was united in marriage to Sarah J. Plank, who was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, August 13, 1854, and when ten years of age came to Page county with her parents, John and Julia (Lynch) Plank, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Missouri. Both died in this county. Mr. Plank was a farmer by occupation but also engaged in teaching school and his interest in the cause of education prompted him to give his children good advantages and to urge them to improve their opportunities in the greatest degree. In his family were thirteen children,

nine of whom reached years of maturity. Of these David Planl is a master mechanic at Cloverport, Kentucky, and two of the sons were railroad men. Five of the children altogether taught school. Mrs. Edmonds began teaching when seventeen years of age and followed that profession for fifteen years. Her own early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by study in a high school and also in Amity College. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds have been born three children: Dosia, Della and Laura, all graduates of the rural school while the two eldest daughters are now teaching.

Mr. Edmonds is also a warm friend of the cause of education and has served on the school board for twenty-five years. He was elected a school director before he was married and throughout his life has done what he could to advance the cause of education in this locality. He is a stockholder in the Chautauqua Association and a stockholder in the Page County Fair Association and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. His life has been a busy and useful one, his time being well spent and thus his record reflects credit upon his native county where he has now lived for more than a half century, witnessing the growth and development of this part of the state from an early day. He can remember a time when much of the land was unclaimed and uncultivated and when comparatively few of the fields were fenced but as the years passed new settlers made their way into this part of the state and, recognizing the value of the rich prairie, have converted it into beautiful homes and farms.

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#### H. L. COKENOWER, M. D.

Dr. H. L. Cokenower, who for twenty years was engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Clarinda, continuing actively in the profession until a short time prior to his death, was born in Shelby county, Illinois, September 23, 1854, his parents being Michael and Sarah (Thompson) Cokenower. The father was a farmer by occupation but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business considerations and joined the army, defending the Union through the period of hostilities. Both he and his wife died in Illinois. He was a republican in politics and his religious faith was indicated in his membership in the Baptist church. There were three sons and a daughter in the family: H. L., of this review; James W., who is a physician practicing in Des Moines; Howard, a resident farmer of Illinois; and Mary, deceased.

Dr. Cokenower was reared in the state of his nativity to the age of twenty-one years, acquired his education in the public schools, and afterward engaged in teaching near Cowden, Illinois. Later he became connected with commercial interests as a clerk in a drug store and this awakened his interest in the medical profession and led him eventually to become a pupil in the Keokuk Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He had previously attended the Normal Academy at Shelbyville,

Illinois, and had thus laid a substantial foundation on which to rear the superstructure of his professional learning. Following his graduation he began practice at Pleasant Plains, Illinois, where he remained until 1880, when he located in Clarinda, there practicing continually until 1900. During that period of twenty years he succeeded in securing an extensive patronage, for his ability was manifested in the capable manner in which he coped with the intricate problems of disease. He kept thoroughly informed concerning the advanced methods of practice and his comprehensive understanding of materia medica and of surgery made him well qualified to do the work which was entrusted to him.

On the 11th of February, 1880, Dr. Cokenower was married to Miss Clara Hamilton, a daughter of Robert and Telitha (Purvance) Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton still survives at the advanced age of eighty-three years and is living at Pleasant Plains, Illinois. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Cokenower were born two children: William Lloyd, who is connected with the freight department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Clarinda; and Helen T., who is attending the Clarinda high school.

In his political views Dr. Cokenower was a republican and always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day but never sought nor desired office. He belonged to Nodaway Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M.; to the Knights of Pythias fraternity; to the Odd Fellows society; and to the Modern Woodmen of America; and his brethren in these fraternities entertained for him warm regard. He was a popular man, respected and esteemed wherever known and most of all where best known. His death, therefore, which occurred September 18, 1900, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He was devoted to the welfare and happiness of his wife and children, was loyal in his friendships, and most faithful and conscientious in the performance of his professional duties.

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#### EDWARD BIRKHIMER.

Edward Birkhimer dates his residence in Shenandoah from 1900 and has been a well known representative of its mercantile interests since 1902, when he became connected with the grocery trade in this city. He is now sole proprietor of a leading establishment of this character and has financial interests in other important business concerns. His aptitude for successful management has been clearly demonstrated and his energy and industry constitute the foundation upon which has been built his prosperity.

Mr. Birkhimer is a native of Ringgold county, Iowa, born on the 13th of September, 1859. His parents were John and Amanda (Van Nostrand) Birkhimer, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In their early life they came with their respective parents to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county, where they were reared and married. They begun their domestic life in Ringgold county, where they resided for four years, and then returned to Jefferson county, establishing their home near Fairfield, where the father



engaged in farming until about 1873. Removing to Fremont county, Iowa, he was there very successful in his business affairs, acquiring nearly an entire section of land, constituting what was known as the Pleasant View Farm, one of the valuable properties of Fremont county. About 1890, however, he sold that farm and came to Shenandoah, where he gave his attention to the supervision of his financial interests. He was a stockholder of the First National Bank of this city and had other valuable and remunerative investments. He was a man of notable strength of purpose, of keen discrimination and of undaunted enterprise and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. In his political views he was an earnest republican, recognized as a prominent local leader in the party, and while a resident of Ringgold county he served either as county clerk or county treasurer. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, while his wife was a member of the Christian church. He passed away in 1898 and is still survived by Mrs. Birkhimer, who now makes her home with her son Edward.

Quietly and uneventfully the youthful days of Edward Birkhimer were spent as the routine of farm life offers little to vary the monotony. The district schools afforded him his educational privileges and when not busy with his text-books he worked in the fields, assisting in the plowing, planting and harvesting. He remained at home up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 2d of February, 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss Clara McMillen, of Fremont county, Iowa. Not long afterward he purchased an eighty-acre tract of land in Fremont county and began farming on his own account, residing upon that place for nine years, during which time he brought the fields under a high state of cultivation. On selling the property he removed to Butler county, Nebraska, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land about a mile from the county seat. There he engaged in the breeding and raising of cattle and, extending his business activity into other fields, he also became a stockholder and director of the City National Bank of David City, Nebraska. He remained there for about ten years but in the fall of 1900 disposed of his interests in that state and came to Shenandoah, where he has since made his home.

It was not until April, 1902, that Mr. Birkhimer engaged in business in this city, at which time he formed a partnership with T. W. Shoults for the conduct of a grocery store, which they carried on under the firm name of Shoults & Birkhimer. The partnership existed for about three years, at the end of which time Mr. Birkhimer purchased his partner's interest in the business and became sole proprietor. He still carries on the store, which is equipped with a large and extensive line of fancy and staple groceries tastefully and attractively arranged. His reasonable prices and his earnest desire to please his patrons are the effective elements in his success. Mr. Birkhimer is also a stockholder in the Shenandoah National Bank, serving on its board of directors and as a member of its finance committee. He is also the vice president of the Shenandoah Artificial Ice, Light, Heat & Power Company and is a heavy stockholder in the Independent Mutual

Telephone Company. His investments have been judiciously placed, bringing him substantial returns. In matters of business judgment he is seldom, if ever, at fault, discerning the value of every situation and recognizing the obstacles as well as the opportunities so that he prepares to meet the former while utilizing the latter.

Mr. Birkhimer is a member of the Shenandoah board of education and is chairman of the teachers' committee. In all matters of citizenship he manifests an active interest and helpful spirit, and his efforts have at all times been effective forces for the city's upbuilding and improvement. He belongs to the Shenandoah Commercial Club and is one of the most prominent business men here.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Birkhimer was blessed with four children: Grace, now the wife of Fred Trullinger, cashier of a bank in Burson, Nebraska; Edith, the wife of Harry Day, a clothier of Shenandoah; Olive, the wife of Arthur Tutt, who is employed by Mr. Birkhimer; and Retta, at home. The family is a prominent one in the community socially and the Birkhimer home is a most hospitable one, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by the many friends of the family.

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#### WILLIAM F. STIPE.

William F. Stipe, who since 1902 has been successfully engaged in the general practice of law at Clarinda and now the senior partner of the firm of Stipe & Clark, was born in Montgomery county, Iowa, on the 7th of March, 1870, his parents being David and Amy (Overman) Stipe, now of San Diego, California. The father was a cooper and farmer by occupation but is now retired.

Mr. Stipe of this review was afforded excellent educational advantages, attending the high school at Villisca, Iowa; the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa; and also the Highland Park College at Des Moines. Subsequently he became connected with journalistic interests, editing the Stanton Iowa Call for four years, while at one time he was also local editor of the Villisca Review. Having determined upon the legal profession as a life work he then took up the study of law under the direction of United States District Judge Smith McPherson, an attorney of Red Oak, Iowa, and R. W. Beeson and after being admitted to the bar practiced for a year in that city. He afterward pursued a post-graduate course in the George Washington University at Washington, D. C. In 1902 he came to Clarinda for the practice of his profession and in May, 1908, he formed a partnership with A. B. Clark under the firm style of Stipe & Clark. They practice in all the courts and are accorded a good clientage, having proven themselves fully qualified to successfully handle the legal interests entrusted to their care. Mr. Stipe is recognized as a lawyer of broad knowledge, who prepares his cases with thoroughness and is strong in argument and logical in his deductions.

In his political views Mr. Stipe is a stalwart republican and has always been an active worker in the ranks of the party, exerting a widely felt influence in its behalf through his advocacy of its men and measures by voice and pen. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. The rules which govern his conduct and shape his life are such as command confidence and regard in every land and clime and he has a host of friends who are not only willing but eager to testify to his sterling worth.

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#### HARRY E. OSBORN.

Iowa derives her wealth largely from her agricultural interests. The great broad prairies of the state offer excellent opportunities to the farmer and stock raiser. The soil requires none of that previous laborious preparation necessary in a district of native forest growth but responds readily to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it as the furrows are turned and the fields are cultivated. Recognizing these facts, Harry E. Osborn, while identified with farming interests, has carefully controlled his business and through his industry, economy and perseverance has won the prosperity which now classes him with the substantial citizens of Amity township.

One of Iowa's native sons, Harry E. Osborn has spent his entire life in Page county, where his birth occurred November 26, 1875, four miles northwest of Clarinda. He is a son of W. N. and Hannah (Britt) Osborn, natives of Kentucky and Canada, respectively. The father came to Iowa in 1865, locating upon the farm which was the birthplace of our subject, and there he continued to reside until his demise. He passed away on the 6th of February, 1909. His wife, who accompanied her parents to Iowa in the early '50s, is still living on the old homestead farm near Clarinda.

Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, Mr. Osborn of this review passed the days of his boyhood and early youth upon his father's farm and attended the district schools in the acquirement of his early education. When fourteen years of age, however, he entered the Clarinda Educational Institute, where he pursued a course of study for several terms. After completing his education in that school he returned home and was employed on his father's farm until twenty-six years old. At that time in connection with his father he came to Amity township, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which tract forms a part of the farm upon which he now resides. This occurred in 1901 and in 1909 he bought eighty acres of land adjoining his place on the south, so that his property now consists of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent farming land, thirty acres of which are covered with good timber, while the remainder is all under a high state of cultivation. It is well watered and well drained and is one of the valuable and desirable farming properties of Page county. Mr. Osborn carries on general farming and in connection therewith feeds hogs, selling his stock

mostly to shippers. Both branches of his business—the raising of grain and the raising of stock—are proving a gratifying source of remuneration to him and he is ranked among the successful and well-to-do farmers of Amity township.

Mr. Osborn was united in marriage on the 20th of February, 1901, to Miss Ida A. Mitchell, a daughter of Mrs. Mary Mitchell, a resident of Clarinda, Page county. To this union was born one child, Raymond Clare, aged seven years, who is the life and light of the household.

Mr. Osborn and his wife hold membership in the United Presbyterian church of College Springs, Iowa, and are respected throughout the community for their many good traits of character. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Osborn has voted for the men and measures of the republican party and is at present serving as school director of district No. 6, Amity township. The cause of education finds in him a stanch champion and he is deeply interested in other matters which have for their object the substantial upbuilding and growth of the community. He has become well known throughout the county of his nativity, where his entire life has been passed, and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, while the consensus of public opinion accords him a high place among the representative and valued citizens of Page county.

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#### F. L. FISHER.

F. L. Fisher, living on section 12, Douglas township, devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He was born in Henry county, Ohio, on the 25th of July, 1860, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Mullencoff) Fisher, natives of Germany. They came to America in early life and both resided in Ohio, where they were married and where their deaths occurred in 1909, the mother passing away on the 11th and the father on the 19th of February. In their family were twelve children, eight of whom are still living.

F. L. Fisher passed the years of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm and is indebted to the common-school system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. He remained at home, assisting his father, until nineteen years of age, when he came to Page county, Iowa, and worked as a farm hand for about three years. Then, in 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Newsam, a native of Douglas township and a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Newsam, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. After his marriage Mr. Fisher rented a farm, which he operated for about three years, and then purchased the farm upon which he now resides. It consists of eighty acres located on section 12, Douglas township, and he later purchased another tract of eighty acres in Valley township, making an aggregate property of one hundred and sixty acres. He is up-to-date and progressive in his methods and is meeting with a most gratifying degree of success in his general farming pursuits. He has also

operated a thresher for the past sixteen years and has thus greatly added to his income.

As the years have passed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher has been blessed with three children, namely: Fred, residing in Douglas township; Ethel G., who attended the Villisca high school and is now the wife of Harry Williams, of Montgomery county, Iowa; and Lela M., residing at home.

The parents are both members of the United Presbyterian church and are prominent among a large circle of friends in the community in which they reside. Mr. Fisher is a republican in politics and has served as a school director for some years, while for four years he was president of the school board. The cause of education finds in him a stanch champion and he is ready at all times to lend his aid to all matters which have for their object the material, intellectual and moral upbuilding and progress of the community. During his residence in Page county he has gained a large circle of acquaintances and that he is most liked where best known is indicative of the fact that his salient characteristics are such as command the confidence, respect and good will of all with whom he is associated.

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#### JOHN P. BROWN, D. D. S.

Dr. John P. Brown, who has now been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in Clarinda for thirty-eight years, dates his residence in this city from the spring of 1866. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, on the 16th of January, 1844, his parents being Thomas D. and Mary (Williams) Brown, the former a farmer by occupation. After completing his own education he was engaged in teaching school for three years, on the expiration of which period he took up the study of dentistry under the direction of Dr. Sanborn, of Tabor, Iowa. In 1871 he began the active practice of the profession in Clarinda, where he has since continued, being a most skilled and successful representative of his chosen calling. Dentistry may be said to be almost unique among other occupations, as it is at once a profession, a trade and a business. Such being the case, it follows that in order to attain the highest success in it one must be thoroughly conversant with the theory of the art, must be expert with the many tools and appliances incidental to the practice of modern dentistry and must possess business qualifications adequate to dealing with the financial side of the profession. In all of these particulars Dr. Brown is well qualified and therefore has attained prestige among the able representatives of dentistry in Page county.

In 1872 Dr. Brown was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Loran, of Clarinda, a daughter of Anthony Loran, a merchant. By this union there were born five children, namely: Walter A., practicing dentistry in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Helen, at home; Thomas L., who is connected with the firm of Loran & Company, engaged in the abstract business; Wilbur E., who is employed as a civil engineer by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Rail-

way at Davenport, Iowa; and Raymond P., a student in a commercial college at Quincy. The wife and mother passed away in August, 1906, her demise being deeply regretted by all who knew her.

For the past twelve years Dr. Brown has been an elder in the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a most devoted and faithful member. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a worthy exemplar of the craft. During the dark days of the Civil war he manifested his patriotism by enlisting in August, 1862, at Hillsboro, Ohio, in Company I, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain D. M. Barrett, and was discharged for disability in October, 1863. During the long years of his residence in this county he has gained a most extensive circle of warm friends, his sterling manhood as well as his professional attainments commanding for him the respect and honor of those with whom he has been associated.

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### J. G. PARSLOW.

Dr. J. G. Parslow, who is enjoying a satisfactory and growing practice, being numbered among the leading veterinary surgeons of southwestern Iowa, was born in Middlesex county, Ontario, Canada, January 3, 1859. His parents were Abram and Hannah (Mahon) Parslow, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of the province of Ontario, Canada. When a young man Abram Parslow crossed the Atlantic to the new world and continued a resident of Canada throughout his remaining days, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits there. He died in 1868 and his wife, surviving him for about eighteen years, passed away in 1886.

Dr. Parslow, whose name introduces this sketch, spent his youthful days in his native country and acquired his education in the public schools there, mastering the common branches of learning and also those usually taught in the high school. On approaching manhood he entered upon an apprenticeship at the trade of ornamental carriage painting and followed that pursuit for several years but eventually abandoned that work and for a short time was employed in a mercantile establishment. However, he did not find that he had permanently located himself in business lines and turned his attention to the study of veterinary surgery. In the fall of 1889 he entered the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Ontario, and was graduated therefrom in the spring of 1891. Following his graduation he came to Iowa in search of a favorable location for practicing his profession and in the fall of that year opened an office in Shenandoah, where he remained until the summer of 1894. At that time the crops were destroyed by drought and Dr. Parslow went to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he opened an office and remained in practice for four and one-half years. In January, 1899, he returned to Shenandoah, where he has since built up an extensive practice, having now a very large and profitable business. He not only derives from

this a very gratifying income but has other indications of his prosperity in the ownership of a section of valuable land in the Alberta province of Canada.

In 1906 Dr. Parslow was married to Miss Emma Jones, of Shenandoah, and they are most hospitably received in the best homes of the city. Dr. Parslow is a republican in his political views. Whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed in life is attributable to his own labors, well directed efforts and well defined activities. His life is not self centered, for his thoughts are given not only to business affairs but to the mastery of municipal problems and to the performance of all the duties and obligations which he owes to his fellowmen.

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#### CHARLES W. MITCHELL.

Charles W. Mitchell, who for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Iowa, is now the capable and efficient postmaster of Yorktown, which position he has held for the past twelve years. Born in Chester, Meigs county, Ohio, on the 28th of March, 1844, he is a son of Enos and Harriet (Chaffin) Mitchell. The parents were both natives of old Virginia, where they were reared, but on account of his opposition to the practice of slavery the father removed to Ohio in 1832, in which state they were married. They passed away in Knox county, Illinois. In their family were nine children, seven of whom still survive: Mary, who passed away in infancy; George, a resident of Weldon, Iowa, and a soldier in the Civil war, who enlisted in 1861 as a member of Company A, Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry, and after being wounded at Pea Ridge, was discharged; Charles W., of this review; Harriet, the wife of R. N. Golf, of Missouri; M. O., making his home in California; James P., who died in infancy; Enos, a practicing physician of Osceola, Iowa; O. W., residing in Kansas; and L. A., of Des Moines, Iowa.

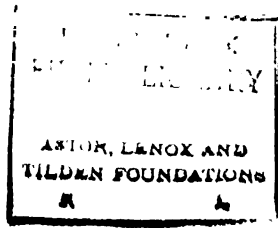
Charles W. Mitchell was but a lad of seven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Knox county, Illinois, and there the family residence was maintained until 1872. During the meantime he had acquired his education in the common schools and later, on the 12th of September, 1863, he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war from Knox county, Illinois, as a member of Company G, Eighty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Under the command of Captain Howell, this regiment took part in many important battles, Mr. Mitchell seeing much active service. He participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, Buzzards Roost, Resaca, Pickett Mills, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Lovejoy Station, Franklin and Nashville. Throughout the entire period of his service he gallantly defended the old flag and remained loyal to the cause which it represented. He was mustered out at New Braunfels, Texas, on the 16th of December, 1865.

After the close of hostilities, Mr. Mitchell returned home on the 15th of January, 1866, and was there engaged in farming until 1872, when he



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES W. MITCHELL.  
at South Cheyenne Canyon, Colorado





came to Iowa, settling in Clarke county. The year 1884 witnessed his arrival in Page county, where he has since continued to make his home. He purchased a farm in Colfax township and was actively connected with agricultural interests here for a number of years. About twelve years ago, however, he was appointed postmaster of Yorktown and, retiring from the farm, he moved to this place to assume the duties of his position. It is a fourth class office and during Mr. Mitchell's incumbency two rural free delivery routes have been established in connection therewith. He makes an excellent official, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity, while his service at all times has been most creditable to himself and satisfactory to the entire community.

The year 1870 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Mitchell and Miss Lucinda J. Westfall, a native of Athens county, Ohio, born in 1846, and a daughter of S. B. Westfall. This union has been blessed with seven children, as follows: A. W., residing in Page county; Effie, the widow of C. Loy, who makes her home with her father; C. H., of Lincoln township, Page county; Jennie, the wife of H. H. Handorf, of Lincoln township; Mabel Morley, deceased; Maggie the wife of M. E. McMutt, of Newmarket; and George F., cashier of a bank in Coin.

Mr. Mitchell holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics gives his allegiance to the republican party. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army Post at Clarinda. In 1909 he attended the National Encampment at Salt Lake City, Utah, and is generally present at such gatherings. He is public-spirited in an eminent degree and remains as loyal to his country in times of peace as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields.

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#### FRANCIS M. VARDAMAN.

Francis M. Vardaman has for forty-five years been a resident of Page county and although for many years connected with agricultural interests is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, his home being in the village of Shambaugh. He was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, December 22, 1843, and is, therefore, a representative of one of the early families of the state. His parents were George W. and Mary (Elliott) Vardaman, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The family is of German lineage and was established in America at a very early day by the great-grandfather of our subject. His son, George Vardaman, the grandfather, became a farmer of Greene county, Kentucky, and a slave owner. George Vardaman was also born in the Blue Grass state and when a young man went to Ohio, where he met and married Miss Mary Elliott, also a native of Kentucky. They became the parents of twelve children: Peter, Nancy, John E., Benjamin W., George W., Jeremiah, Mary, Elizabeth, Francis M., Amanda, Jasper N. and Eliza.

Soon after their marriage the parents removed to Shelby county, Indiana, where the father owned a farm, which he cultivated for several years. For a brief period they were also residents of Illinois and about 1837 took up their abode in Lee county, Iowa. But few white settlers were living within the state at that time, the Indians being more numerous. In fact, Iowa was still under territorial rule and the work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun within its borders. At a later day George Vardaman and his family removed to Jefferson county, where he purchased a farm upon which the family remained for some time. His son, F. M. Vardaman, was seven years of age when a removal was made to Benton county, Iowa, and for three years they lived near Vinton. At the end of that time they went to Keokuk county, where they remained for four or five years, later went to Kansas, and from 1854 until 1859 were residents of Taylor county, Iowa. In the latter year they removed to Lawrence county, Missouri, where they located just prior to the outbreak of the Civil war and experienced all of the hardships, dangers and privations that fell to the lot of those who lived on the border where sectional feeling ran very high. In 1864 the father took his family to Minnesota and three years later returned to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he died in 1867. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Christian church and his good qualities won him the esteem and friendly regard of all who knew him. For many years he filled the office of justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, being always based upon the law and equity of the case.

Francis M. Vardaman was the eleventh in order of birth in a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, of whom one son and three daughters are now living. His brother, George, having enlisted for one hundred days' service in the Civil war, died at Collierville, Tennessee, while at the front. Another brother, Benjamin W., served for three years in the Civil war, enlisting from Taylor county as a member of Company F, Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry.

F. M. Vardaman accompanied his parents on their various removals until 1864, when he came to Page county, Iowa, where he has since lived. He was then a young man of twenty-one years. His educational opportunities were limited owing to the fact that they had always lived on the frontier, but, possessing an observing eye and retentive memory, he has added much to his knowledge by observation and reading. When a youth he possessed a delicate constitution and during the period when the family resided on the border was obliged to endure many vicissitudes to which that section of the country was subject. The family were frequently disturbed by people of dissimilar opinion and the sons were frequently compelled to sleep in the brush for safety. At one time the house was surrounded by bushwhackers who made some trouble but were frightened away by a gunshot.

Returning to Iowa in 1864 Mr. Vardaman was for three years employed by the month as a farm hand in Page county. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and for many years resided upon the farm in Buchanan township, whereon he took up his abode in 1870. He owns one

hundred and fifty-five acres on section 16 and as the years passed his well directed labors brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and made them very productive. He continued to successfully carry on general farming until March, 1898, when he put aside the active work of the fields and came to Shambaugh, purchasing his present place of residence, which consists of a good dwelling in the midst of ten acres of land. His farm is well improved, being one of the best in the township, and all of its modern equipments are the result of the labor and enterprise of the owner. He made stock raising the special feature of the place and in that branch of his business was quite successful. The farm is now operated and managed by his sons.

It was in 1867 that Mr. Vardaman was married to Miss Mary Indiana Baker, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, July 13, 1847, and is a daughter of Peter and Ann (Swiggett) Baker, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Both died upon a farm near where they settled in East River township. Mr. Baker entered from the government the first piece of land which he ever owned and was identified with the pioneer development and improvement of the county. In his family were four sons and three daughters of whom one died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vardaman have been born six children: Mary Alice, now the wife of Ephraim Warren, a resident of Boulder, Colorado; Erie Ann, the wife of D. A. Pritchard, who lives near Cromwell, Union county, Iowa; Benjamin Rutherford, a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Irma Glen, the wife of Ira Fuller, of Oregon; Avery Earl, who is living on the home place in Buchanan township; and Francis Emmett, who is living on the farm with his brother.

Politically Mr. Vardaman is a republican, conversant with the leading questions and issues of the day. He has served as township trustee and held other local offices, yet is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Plumb Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M., of Siam. He has held the offices of trustee and school director and has manifested a deep and helpful interest in educational affairs. He converted his farm from a wild and unimproved tract into one of the valuable and substantial properties of the county and from it he yet derives a substantial income while living retired in Shambaugh. His rest has been well earned and his record proves what may be accomplished when determination and industry are guided by sound business judgment.

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#### ROBERT GEORGE CASKEY.

Robert George Caskey, who carries on general farming on section 20, Harlan township, in a most practical and progressive manner, was born in Sumter county, Alabama, November 16, 1844. His parents were James and Katharine (Mawhinney) Caskey, who were natives of the north of Ireland, born in County Down and Armagh respectively. The mother came to the

United States with her parents when sixteen years of age, and the father crossed the Atlantic on attaining his majority in company with a sister, while his parents afterward followed. The young couple were married in 1829. Mr. Caskey had worked in a flaxmill in his native country, but turned his attention to farming in the new world. About 1852 he removed with his family to Cook county, Illinois, settling thirty miles south of Chicago, and four years later, in the fall of 1856, came to Page county, Iowa, arriving on the 16th of October. Both he and his wife continued to reside in this county throughout their remaining days and both reached a ripe old age. The father, who was born in 1800, passed away in 1894, while the mother, whose birth occurred in 1806, died in 1892. He was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in the homestead place in Harlan township and in the careful cultivation and development of the farm he made a good living for his family, which numbered ten children, namely: John, who enlisted from Page county as a member of Company C, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, in 1861 and died at the front; Alexander S., deceased; Jane, the deceased wife of William C. Brown; William, who died in Illinois at the age of sixteen years; James, who is living in College Springs, Iowa; Mary Ann, the widow of John Pollock, a farmer of Harlan township; Sampson, who was also a member of Company C, Fifth Iowa Cavalry and died in a Confederate prison at Florence, South Carolina, while serving in the Civil war; Robert George, of this review; Joseph, who is living in College Springs; and Isaac V., who is located at Billings, Oklahoma.

Robert G. Caskey was but eight years of age when his parents removed from Alabama to Cook county, Illinois, and was a youth of twelve years when they came to Page county, where he has since made his home. He has been a life-long farmer, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he cultivates his crops and raises his stock. He is now the owner of eighty acres of arable and productive land on section 20, Harlan township, and he also owns twenty acres of timber land on section 22. He works earnestly and persistently in tilling his fields and his farm presents a well cultivated and well improved appearance.

In 1898 Mr. Caskey was married to Miss Elizabeth Blair, a native of Ireland, born February 14, 1868. She came to America with her parents, James and Jane Blair, when two years of age and died in this county, June 13, 1909. The children of that marriage are: James Arthur, who was born January 1, 1900; William Howard D., born October 5, 1901; Jane Isabella, born July 28, 1903; Robert Wiley, December 20, 1905; and Lisle Stewart, April 18, 1909.

Mr. Caskey is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church and his life is in consistent harmony with its principles. He attempts to live peaceably with all, to overreach no one in a business transaction, but give just returns at all times. He enjoys the respect and good will of those who know him and is a worthy citizen of the county in which he has now resided for more than a half century. Few men are more familiar with its history for through fifty-three years he has witnessed its growth and development as the

wild lands have been reclaimed for purposes of civilization and converted into fine farms, while attractive homes have been built and thriving towns and cities have sprung up. He has at all times been an interested witness of its progress and has also borne his full share in the work of general improvement.

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### ORVILLE C. GREENE.

Theodore Roosevelt said the strongest type of the American citizen is he who is reared in the east, receiving the thorough training and culture of that section of the country and then puts his talents to use in the enterprising west with its unlimited opportunities. Of this class Orville Caldwell Greene is a representative. He was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1872, and since 1887 has been a resident of Clarinda. His parents are Alfred W. and Letitia M. (Caldwell) Greene. His father was for many years a successful teacher in the schools of Pennsylvania and on removing westward to Iowa, continued to follow the same profession in this state for three years, being superintendent of the public schools at Clarinda from 1887 until 1890. He is now the senior partner of the firm of Greene & Greene, conducting a real estate, loan, insurance and abstract business.

When a lad of six years Orville C. Greene entered the public schools of Pennsylvania, continuing his studies in Tyrone until 1886, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Essex, Iowa. The following year the family home was established in Clarinda and he pursued his studies in the public schools of this city. He also attended the Clarinda Educational Institute and Academy of Clarinda and after he had completed his own education he also turned his attention to the profession of teaching. He likewise engaged in clerking in his early manhood and for a brief period filled the office of deputy county auditor. He next entered upon the study of law under the direction of John R. Good, who was then county attorney, and later he attended the law school at Des Moines, where he completed his course, being admitted to the bar in 1897. He then entered upon active practice in connection with the abstract business. He is junior partner in the firm of Greene & Greene, for he is associated with his father in business affairs. They handle much real estate, negotiate many important realty transfers, loan money on farm lands, make abstracts of titles and write considerable insurance annually. Thus each department of their business is well managed and is bringing substantial returns. In the law Mr. Greene largely confines his attention to office practice and probate work and to establishing real estate and land titles. His analytical mind and knowledge of the law well qualify him for the conduct of his business in other connections.

Mr. Greene's work in behalf of public progress and improvement has been continuous, far-reaching, effective and beneficial. He is especially well known through his labors as the secretary of the Commercial Club, which office he has filled since March, 1907. In this connection he has put forth

strenuous effort to promote the business interests of Clarinda for the club, of which he was one of the organizers, has had marked influence upon the city's development in commercial and industrial affairs. He has also been secretary of the Masonic Lodge since January, 1906, and is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Mystic Shrine and to the Knights of Pythias. He is, moreover, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is not neglectful of his duties in relation to the moral welfare of the community. In politics he is a republican and active in the ranks of the party but he does not seek political honors or preferments for himself.

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#### GEORGE NEWTON TRIMBLE.

An excellent farm of eighty-five acres on section 7, Amity township, pays tribute to the care and cultivation of George Newton Trimble. Of this place forty-five acres lie within the corporation limits of College Springs. The place is one of the highly improved farm properties of the county, indicating in its excellent appearance the careful supervision and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Trimble was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1863, his parents being Samuel and Lydia Trimble, who were likewise natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather was a native of eastern Pennsylvania and he and six brothers were among the pioneers of western Pennsylvania. Part of them were never heard from again after they went into that wild region. The Trimble family are of Scotch-Irish lineage, while the ancestors of our subject in the maternal line were of Irish descent. The father, who was born August 1, 1817, died on the 14th of November, 1900, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was a carpenter by trade and worked between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years for his board and clothing. He continued to follow his trade until he came west, when he turned his attention to farming, taking up his abode upon a tract of land in Amity township which is now occupied by his son George. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits until the marriage of his son George, who remained upon the farm while the father removed to the village of College Springs and there spent his remaining days. He was twice married, his first union being with a Miss McGee, by whom he had five daughters: Anna Pauline, the wife of Archibald Nichol, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania; Jane, who is the widow of John Patterson and resides in Omaha; Martha, the widow of Andrew Wiggins and also a resident of Omaha; Agnes, who died in childhood; and Belle, the widow of John McAvoy, of Point Isabel, Indiana. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Lydia (Kelley) Reed, a widow and the mother of our subject, who now resides in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was born July 12, 1834. By her marriage to Mr. Trimble she became the mother of two children: Bessie, who is the widow of John Black, who for the past ten

years has been connected with the public library of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and George Newton, of this review.

In taking up the personal history of George Newton Trimble we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this county. He was only four years old when in the spring of 1867 his parents came to Page county, settling at College Springs. He has resided continuously since upon the farm which is now his home and which comprises eighty-five acres on the north side of the village on section 7, Amity township, forty-five acres of the place lying within the corporation limits. Year by year he has diligently and persistently carried on the work of the fields here and in his farm work has displayed a practical spirit that has enabled him to use his advantages in the best possible manner. He has erected a large and modern residence upon his place and has also put up a number of good buildings whereby ample shelter is afforded for grain and stock. He carries on general farming and stock raising and his careful control of his business affairs has insured his success.

On the 8th of December, 1887, Mr. Trimble was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Garrett, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1866, and in the spring of 1883 came to Page county with her parents, W. G. and Mary (Barr) Garrett, who were also natives of Washington county but now reside in College Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Trimble had three children but lost their first born, George, at the age of two years. Those still living are: Mary and Vivian.

Mr. Trimble's views concerning the temperance question are indicated by the loyal support which he gives to the prohibition party. He holds membership with the United Presbyterian church, in which he formerly served as an elder for fifteen years and in all the departments of church work he has been deeply and helpfully interested. He has been the president of the village board of education and the cause of the schools found in him a stalwart champion. His influence and aid are ever given on the side of progress, reform and improvement, and his record is such as has attached him in ties of warm friendship to those with whom he has been associated.

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#### SAMUEL M. GREENE.

Samuel M. Greene, although now living in California, was long well known as a strong man in the newspaper field of southern Iowa and his worth as a citizen was widely acknowledged, for both in an individual capacity and as an editor and publisher he did much to promote the welfare of the community in which he lived. He was born August 25, 1873, of the marriage of Alfred W. Greene and Letitia M. Caldwell, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this work, the father being one of the prominent real estate men of Page county.

Samuel M. Greene at the usual age entered the public schools of Clarinda and passed through consecutive grades until he was graduated from



the high school. He also attended the Clarinda Educational Institute, and Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. Later he went to Nebraska and became a student in the Wesleyan University of Lincoln, that state, from which he graduated. He was thus provided with liberal educational advantages, giving him keen insight into the world's history, its work and its purposes, and he was thus well qualified to take up the profession of journalism. For years he was associated with the Clarinda Herald and learned the newspaper business in principle and detail, becoming familiar with every branch of the office work. Afterward he became assistant editor of the paper and was thus a representative of newspaper interests in Clarinda until 1901, when he removed from this city to Chariton, Iowa. He then bought the Chariton Herald, which he successfully conducted until 1908, when he sold out and is now in California. He enjoyed a high reputation in the newspaper fraternity of southwestern Iowa and his personal worth also won for him many friends.

In June, 1898, Mr. Greene was married to Miss Vesta Lisle, of Clarinda, a daughter of C. A. Lisle mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They are parents of two children: Paul Vernon and Loren Samuel.

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#### ALFRED W. GREENE.

Alfred W. Greene is the senior partner of the firm of Greene & Greene, conducting an extensive real estate, insurance and abstract business. He is a man of keen discernment, seldom if ever at fault in matters of business judgment, seeking his success along legitimate lines and accomplishing desired results by reason of his indefatigable purpose and reliable methods.

He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1845, and is a son of George Morris and Antha (Houck) Greene. The father was a farmer by occupation and in that department of business activity won a comfortable living for himself and family. His son Alfred attended the public schools and later had the opportunity of becoming a student in Cassville Seminary and in Martinsburg Academy. After attending those institutions he continued his studies in the Millersville State Normal School of Pennsylvania. He did not pursue his studies continuously through all these years but at times engaged in teaching, devoting a part of six years to the profession. In 1869 he engaged in teaching in the public schools of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, and later became superintendent of the schools of that city. He proved a capable educator as is evidenced by his promotion, carefully systematizing the work done under his direction and laboring to make the public instruction there a source of thorough preparation for life's practical and responsible duties.

Mr. Greene continued at Tyrone until 1886, when he came to Page county, Iowa, and for a year thereafter engaged in teaching in Essex. In 1887 he arrived in Clarinda and accepted the superintendency of the schools of this city, continuing in active connection therewith for three years. Be-

lieving that a broader and more profitable field of labor was before him in real estate lines, in 1890 he established his present business, handling real estate and farm loans, making abstracts of titles and writing insurance. During the initial year of his connection with this line of business he was a partner of John R. Good, under the firm style of Good & Greene—an association that existed until February, 1899, when his son Orville purchased the interests of the senior partner and the present firm style of Greene & Greene was assumed. They are prominent among the real estate dealers of southwestern Iowa, having built up an extensive business which is creditable and satisfactory.

Mr. Greene was married on the 3d of October, 1871, to Miss Letitia M. Caldwell, a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Samuel Caldwell, a farmer and surveyor. They have become parents of four children: Orville, who is associated with his father in business; Samuel Morris, who is connected with the newspaper business; Mary Lois, at home; and Letitia M., the wife of Charles S. Tomlinson, who is a bookkeeper of Santa Barbara, California.

Mr. Greene is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in its work has taken an active and helpful part. He was at one time a steward of the church and has also been secretary and treasurer. He was for many years a teacher in the Sunday schools in both Pennsylvania and Clarinda and his ability in clearly and concisely imparting knowledge made his instruction of worth to those who sought to know all scriptural truths. Forty-one years of his life were spent in Pennsylvania, where he began teaching while yet in his teens. He was in Tyrone from 1869 until 1886 and his labors in educational lines were of great benefit to the communities in which he resided. Clarinda, moreover, has appreciation for his worth as a manly citizen, for his cooperation in public affairs and for his value in business lines, for his labors here are a direct influence in promoting the growth and progress of Page county.

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#### DAVID WILKEY.

David Wilkey is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 2, Valley township. His birth occurred in Ireland, February 2, 1836, and he was one of a family of five children, having a twin brother and three sisters. He continued a resident of the Emerald Isle until fifteen years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States on a sailing vessel, which was four weeks and three days in making the voyage. He took up his abode in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and made his home in the Keystone state until he had attained his majority, when he went to Wisconsin, where he was engaged in the lumber business for four years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Henry county, Illinois, where he resided for ten years, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. The year 1870 witnessed his arrival

in Page county, Iowa, and after operating a tract of rented land for a year, he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 2, Valley township. The many substantial improvements on the property stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 16th of June, 1867, Mr. Wilkey was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Lemley, a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of George and Sarah (White) Lemley, who spent their entire lives in the Keystone state. Mr. and Mrs. Lemley reared a family of eleven children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilkey have been born two children, namely: James F., who carries on the home farm; and Samuel A., a resident of Nebraska.

Mr. Wilkey is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. He has held the office of school director for twenty years, served as justice of the peace for two years and for a period of six years capably discharged the duties devolving upon him in the position of road supervisor. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. They have now made their home in this county for almost four decades and are widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances. Mr. Wilkey has now reached the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and his has been a commendable record, actuated by honorable principles.

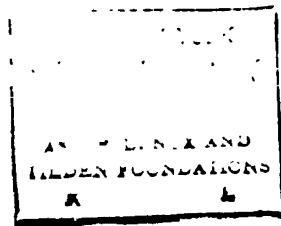
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#### MICHAEL BECK.

Among the self-made men of Page county mention should be made of Michael Beck, who, starting out in life at the age of eighteen years without capital and with but a limited education, has worked his way steadily upward until today he stands among the wealthy citizens and large land-owners of this section of Iowa. Mr. Beck was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1836, a son of Michael and Catherine (Houk) Beck, who were likewise natives of Westmoreland county, their respective parents removing from New York to the Keystone state at an early day when much of the land there was still in possession of the Indians. On both the paternal and maternal side the family have been loyal to the interests of their country, the maternal great-grandfather of our subject having served in the Revolutionary war under Washington, while the maternal grandfather fought in the war of 1812. Three cousins served in the Mexican war, while five cousins by the name of Fox and three brothers of our subject took part in the Civil war.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL BECK



Michael Beck and Catherine Houk were reared in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where they were also married and made their home until 1857. In that year the father removed with his family to Jackson county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of three hundred and fifty acres, which he cultivated until the time of his death, ten years later, in 1867. The mother survived him about fifteen years, when she, too, was called to the home beyond.

Michael Beck of this review was reared in the place of his nativity and acquired his education in the common schools, but his opportunities in this direction were somewhat limited. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, when he began life on his own account, working as a farm hand at ten dollars per month, his duties beginning early in the morning and lasting until late at night. He was thus employed for five years his wages going to his father until he attained his majority, and he remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, but in the meantime he had accompanied his parents on their removal to Jackson county, this state. Feeling justified in engaging in farming on his own account he rented a tract of land in Jackson county, operating the same for twelve or fourteen years. He then purchased forty acres, on which he made his home for about nine years, when he sold his farm and removed to Sumner county, Kansas, for at that time land could be purchased at a much lower rate there than in Iowa. He became owner of four hundred and eighty acres, on which he made his home five years.

In 1888 Mr. Beck rented his land in Kansas and removed to Page county, Iowa, bringing his teams with him. He located in Essex, it being his intention to engage in teaming. Soon afterward he had the opportunity of purchasing his present farm at a low figure and although he had no ready money he contracted for the purchase. A short time afterward, however, he disposed of his land in Kansas and was then enabled to make a payment on his Iowa land. Taking up his abode thereon he further developed and improved the place, which comprises four hundred and eighty acres of as fine farming land as can be found in Page county. He is here engaged in general farming and also gives much of his time and attention to feeding cattle, to which he owes much of his success. As the years passed and he prospered in his business undertakings, he purchased four hundred acres of land in Vernon county, Missouri, near the city of Nevada, and from this he derives a good substantial income.

It was on the 11th of March, 1859, that Mr. Beck established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Hannah Wilson, of Jackson county, Iowa. Their union has been blessed with nine children, seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Mary J., the wife of Michael Buzzard, a resident of Pierce township, Page county; James, also residing in that township; John, of Shenandoah; William, of Pierce township; Isaac, who resides in Vernon county, Missouri; Mrs. Emma Leut, who lives in the eastern part of the state; Michael, a resident of Grant township; David, of Vernon county, Missouri; and George, who is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Beck has always been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party but has never been active as an office seeker, for his private business interests have made heavy demand upon his time. He is largely a self-educated as well as self-made man, one who through the inherent force of his nature and the utilization of opportunities has passed from the unknown into a position of distinction among the well-to-do residents of Grant township and Page county. His success, however, has been worthily and honorably won, and it is therefore well deserved. In 1863 he crossed the plains to Montana with one companion, starting from Jackson county, Iowa, with three yoke of oxen and a yoke of cows, and boated across the Platte river in wagon beds. He was gone about one year and while prospecting located the first coal in Montana, near Bozeman.

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#### GEORGE BERRY.

George Berry, now living retired in a commodious and attractive residence at No. 206 Grant street in Clarinda, was formerly actively identified with the agricultural and stock raising interests of the county for many years. He was born in Scotland on the 3d of February, 1826, a son of George and Ann (Robinson) Berry, who spent their entire lives in the land of hills and heather, passing away at the ages of eighty-seven and sixty years respectively. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, followed that occupation throughout his active business career. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church, in which he served as an elder. Unto him and his wife were born four sons and six daughters, as follows: Andrew and William, both of whom are deceased; George, of this review; John and Ann, who have also passed away; Jane, who is the widow of Joseph Hancock and makes her home in Clarinda, Iowa; Agnes, Margaret, Isabelle and Elizabeth, who are likewise deceased.

In his youthful years George Berry attended the schools of his native land in pursuit of an education and also worked on his father's farm. He likewise acquainted himself with the carpenter's trade in early manhood and when twenty-seven years of age, influenced by the favorable reports which had reached him concerning the opportunities and advantages of the new world, he determined to establish his home in the United States. After crossing the ocean he located in Champaign county, Ohio, and there worked as a journeyman carpenter for fourteen years. On the expiration of that period, in 1867, he came to Page county, Iowa, locating on a tract of land of eighty acres at College Springs. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it embraced one hundred and sixty acres and on that place he successfully and energetically carried on his agricultural interests for twenty-seven years, or until the time of his retirement in 1894. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he was also engaged in stock raising to some extent, meeting with a highly gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in

both lines of activity. Energetic, industrious and perservering, he brought his place under a high state of cultivation and improvement and some idea of the wonderful transformation which he wrought may be gained from the fact that though he purchased the property for but six hundred dollars, he disposed of it for twelve thousand dollars when he left the farm and took up his abode in Clarinda.

On the 20th of September, 1858, in Ashland county, Ohio, Mr. Berry was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Berry, whose birth occurred in Scotland in 1833. They have now traveled life's journey together for more than a half century, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years have passed by. Of their five children, three still survive. Andrew, who resides on a farm in Page county, married Miss Carrie Kingley and has four children: Ethel, Annie, Ernest and George. John, living on a farm near Clarinda, married Miss Lillie McKee, by whom he has five children: Earl, Mary, Annie, Jennette and Clara. Annie, who gave her hand in marriage to John Duncan, likewise makes her home on a farm near Clarinda and has become the mother of five children, namely: Walter, Roy, Ann, Spurgeon and Vernier.

Mr. Berry is a strong Calvinist in religious faith and belongs to the United Presbyterian church, with which his wife is also identified. In 1881 he made a four months' trip to Scotland, renewing old acquaintances and visiting the scenes of his youth and early manhood. When he first landed in this country, "a stranger in a strange land," his cash capital amounted to but three dollars and therefore it will be seen that he owes his present prosperity to naught save his own untiring efforts and persistency of purpose. His competence has been honorably gained along legitimate lines of labor and at all times he has commanded the respect and good will of his fellow-men by his genuine personal worth, his kindly spirit and his appreciation of the good in others. Both he and his wife are most highly esteemed throughout Page county, where they have now made their home for more than four decades, the circle of their friends being coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances. Mr. Berry has now passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded to one of advanced years whose career has been active and honorable, as his has been.

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#### FRANK ANSHUTZ.

Frank Anshutz is the leading jeweler of Shenandoah, an enterprising man who has sought his success along the legitimate lines of trade and found in indefatigable industry, perseverance and capable management the key that unlocks the portals of prosperity. A native of Moundsville, West Virginia, he was born February 23, 1852, of the marriage of Christ and Rebecca (Woodwell) Anshutz. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States, when sixteen years of age, in company with his parents



and after reaching the new world learned the miller's trade. Following his marriage he located in Moundsville, West Virginia, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1854 when his son Frank was but two years of age. He left a family of eleven children, whom the mother carefully reared to manhood and womanhood.

Frank Anshutz was educated in private schools and when sixteen years of age left the parental roof to seek a home and fortune in the middle west. Making his way to Iowa with Des Moines as his destination, he there spent the winter in the home of a sister and during that time attended school. In April, 1870, he entered upon an apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade and worked for two years in Des Moines, after which he returned to the east in 1872 and completed his trade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the summer of 1873 he made his way westward to Pittsburg but had remained there for only two months when the city became involved in the financial panic of 1873. Believing that better opportunities were offered in the west he returned to Des Moines and was employed that fall as a journeyman, thus working for four months. He next went to Jefferson, Greene county, Iowa, where he was employed until the spring of 1875, when he embarked in the jewelry business on his own account in Mitchellville, Iowa, feeling that his careful expenditure and his previous experience justified him in taking this step. He was there identified with the business for a period of five years, at the expiration of which time he removed to Glenwood, Iowa, where he conducted business for three years. Thinking to find a more profitable field in Shenandoah, he came to this city in 1883 and opened a store. For more than a quarter of a century he has now been identified with the jewelry business in this city, having the leading establishment of the kind here. He carries a large and attractive stock, tastefully arranged and the reliability and enterprise of his business methods and his reasonable prices have been the salient features in the success which has attended his labors. He was also one of the organizers of the Peoples' Gas Company and for several years was its treasurer, while later he was chosen vice president of the company and so continued until 1909.

Pleasantly situated in his home life Mr. Anshutz was married in 1881 to Miss Sarah Blake, of Winnebago county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Anshutz are very prominent socially and are held in the highest esteem by all. As a representative of Masonry he is connected with Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, A. F. & A. M., and Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M. He is also a charter member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E. His political support is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He belongs to the Commercial Club of Shenandoah and for many years has been most active in all movements pertaining to the progress and upbuilding of the city. His wife is a member of the board of trustees of the Shenandoah library, is serving as secretary of the board and is chairman of the book purchasing committee. She is also a charter member of the Kappa Delta Club, of which she was secretary for several years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anshutz are members of the Presbyterian church and are actively interested in its work and upbuilding. Mr. Anshutz

is a member of its board of trustees while Mrs. Anshutz has served repeatedly as president of the Ladies Aid society and as a Sunday school teacher for twenty years, and has been most active in promoting various lines of church work. Honored and respected by all there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles, not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed. Moreover, his life record proves that success is not a matter of genius as held by some but it is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and unfaltering industry.

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### THOMAS JOHNSTON.

Thomas Johnston, engaged in farming and coal mining in Nodaway township, is one of the representative citizens of Page county. Born in Dane county, Wisconsin, December 23, 1869, he is a son of James and Agnes (Hair) Johnston, both natives of Scotland. The parents, with two children, came to America in 1853, first locating in New York, whence they removed to Dane county, Wisconsin. The father, who was born on the 14th of February, 1822, was a carpenter and cabinetmaker in early life but after his arrival in this country devoted his attention to general agriculture. He owned three hundred and twenty acres of land in Douglas township, Page county, to which place he had removed in the autumn of 1872. His death occurred on this farm December 27, 1897. His wife, who was born February 14, 1827, passed away in Clarinda, where she was residing with two sons and one daughter, on the 25th of April, 1891. She was first a member of the Presbyterian church and later joined the United Presbyterian church, and was an earnest Christian woman. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a kind and obliging neighbor, and her loss was a matter of deep regret to a large circle of friends.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston were eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest. The other members are: Robert, residing in Colorado; John, who passed away in infancy; Jeanette Swanson, making her home in Denver, Colorado; Alexander H., of Colorado; Marion Stephenson, of Colorado; Margaret Burwell, residing in Canada; and James, who lives in Clarinda.

Thomas Johnston, whose name introduces this review, was only two years of age when he accompanied his parents to Page county, Iowa, where the family home was established in Douglas township. There he grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the common schools, and early became familiar with the work of the farm. He also learned the carpenter's and blacksmith's trades and was thus engaged until 1898, in which year he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. The place consists of eighty acres located on section 35, Nodaway township, about two miles west of the town of Clarinda. Here he carried on general farming and as the years have passed he has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. He not

only found that the soil of his farm was most excellent for agricultural purposes, but that it also was rich in coal deposits, and in 1901 he opened up a coal mine on the farm which annually yields on an average of forty-five hundred tons. This branch of his business interests is proving a source of very gratifying returns to him, and he is now ranked among the prosperous, progressive and influential farmers and business men of Nodaway township.

In 1893 Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Maggie R. Weir, a native of Davis county, Iowa, born in 1870. She is a daughter of David and Sarah Weir, and by her marriage has become the mother of nine children, Richard, David D., James A., Fred J., Dan, Thomas, Glenn, Charles J. and Chester. Of this number Richard and Dan both died in infancy, while Thomas was killed in an accident at the age of six years.

Mr. Johnston has given his allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is deeply interested in the progress of the party. He is a school director and the cause of education finds in him a stanch champion, while he at all times lends his cooperation to any measure which has for its object the permanent and substantial growth of the community. He has won a high place among the successful business men of Nodaway township, and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### JAMES SHAMBAUGH.

The story of the life of James Shambaugh, if given in detail, will present an accurate and interesting picture of early life as well as of modern progress in Page county for in the '50s he arrived in this part of the state and since that he has been an active and controlling factor in molding general progress and improvements. His reminiscences of the early times are most interesting but, while he has lived here for more than a half century and was a promoter of the pioneer development, he has also kept pace with the trend of general progress and improvement and even now, in his declining days, is keenly interested in the affairs of the county and what is being accomplished here.

James Shambaugh was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 15, 1825, his parents being Isaac and Nancy (Barrow) Shambaugh, the former a farmer by occupation. He was a native of Virginia, but removed to Ohio in 1816 and at the time of the Mexican war enlisted in defense of American interests.

James Shambaugh was reared on the home farm, but, choosing another pursuit as one more congenial and profitable, he engaged in clerking in a store until about six years before he came to Iowa. Arriving in this state, he settled in Mills county and took up a claim, but later made his way across the country on horseback to Page county. He was pleased with the

natural resources and prospects and returned to Ohio, where he prepared for opening a store in this section of the state. He bought goods in the east and in 1853 came to Clarinda. That fall he returned to Ohio, but in the spring of 1854 traded his land in Mills county for a stock of goods which he opened up for sale on the north side of the square in the month of July. There he conducted business until March, 1855, when he sold out to J. Powers. At that time he purchased a sawmill, which was somewhat dilapidated, but he improved it, made additions thereto and transformed it into the first gristmill in Page county. It was also the first sawmill in the county and a picture of this old landmark appears on another page of this volume. When the month of May, 1855, arrived he had his mill in shape so that he sawed from two to three thousand feet of lumber per day. In 1856 he added the grist department and ground corn meal in February, 1857, this being the first flour made in Page county. Mr. Shambaugh continued to operate the mill until it was destroyed by fire. It was situated on Nodaway creek, two and one-half miles southeast of Clarinda, and was one of the leading industries of the county at an early day. He also owned another mill at a place now called Shambaugh. He had paid to the railroad company considerable money and when the railroad was built through this section of the state the name of the postoffice was changed from Nodaway to Shambaugh. The place is situated about six miles from Clarinda and the mill, which he there owned and operated, stood until about 1898, when it was struck by lightning. He then built a mill in Clarinda with a capacity for one hundred and fifty barrels daily and an elevator with fifty thousand bushels capacity. The market for the flour manufactured by Mr. Shambaugh at an early day and which could not be disposed in the home locality was Omaha, Denver, St. Joseph and many other points, to which he made shipment by wagon. In those days the teamsters and freighters were John and Isaac McDowell, Samuel Pinkerton and Mose Thompson, who hauled the products of the Shambaugh mills to Denver. The freight was ten dollars per hundred and the flour sold in the western markets at sixteen dollars per hundred. At one time Mr. Shambaugh fitted out his own team and did his own hauling to St. Joseph, having four yoke of oxen to a wagon. They camped out along the way in going and on their return trip, and the flour which they transported brought one dollar and a half per hundred weight.

In 1860 Mr. Shambaugh fed three hundred head of hogs and of these he sold one hundred head at a dollar and a quarter per hundred. He also butchered one hundred head and hauled them dressed to Denver, where the hams and sides brought only three cents per pound, while the lard sold at five dollars per barrel. He had paid three dollars a piece for the barrels and each barrel held two hundred pounds so that it will be seen that the profit was comparatively small.

Mr. Shambaugh continued an active factor in the business of the community until 1898, when he retired and was succeeded by his son Ira W., who now conducts the business, having from his youthful days to the present time been associated with his father in his milling interests.

In 1858 Mr. Shambaugh was married to Miss Julia Jaycox, who was born in Greene county, New York, and they had two children, Ira W., and Charles, but the latter, who was born in 1864, died in 1879. The death of Mrs. Shambaugh occurred March 7, 1897.

Throughout the entire period of his residence in this part of the state Mr. Shambaugh has been known as a most public-spirited citizen, contributing in many substantial ways to the growth and progress of the community. He was one of the first subscribers to get the first railroad through here. In 1854 he was assistant postmaster and was also assistant or deputy county treasurer, tax receiver and recorder. The cause of education has ever found in Mr. Shambaugh a stalwart champion and he was serving on the school board when the new brick high school was erected. He has long been a devoted member of the Baptist church and is interested in every project that tends to promote the upbuilding and development of the town and county. He has now reached the venerable age of eighty-five years and is one of the most honored and respected citizens of the community, not only owing to the success which he has accomplished but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed. His commercial standing is an unquestioned fact in his career.

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#### PATRICK O. BYRNES.

The invariable law of destiny accords to tireless industry, energy and ability a successful career and this statement finds ample proof in the life record of Patrick O. Byrnes who, starting out in life as a poor boy, has, through well directed efforts and unfaltering perseverance, attained a creditable place among the substantial agriculturists of Page county and may justly claim the proud title of a self-made man. Born across the waters, he is a native of County Clare, Ireland, and is a son of Michael and Bridget Byrnes, who were also natives of the Emerald Isle, where their entire lives were spent.

Reared in his native country, Patrick O. Byrnes acquired his education in the public schools and remained at home until 1871, when, thinking to find greater opportunities for advancement in the new world where individual effort is unhampered by caste or class, he left home and friends and sailed for the United States. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but made his way direct to Chicago, where he found employment as a dock builder. He was thus engaged for about six years, and then became identified with railroad construction work in Mercer and Henry counties, Illinois, being connected with the Rock Island Railroad Company. Later he went to Arkansas, remaining there for only a short time, and in 1877 he arrived in Page county, Iowa. Two years later he purchased eighty acres of land, which tract constitutes a part of his present farm, and at once became engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, carries on his activities along up-to-date and progressive lines,

and that his efforts are meeting with gratifying success is indicated in the fact that as the years have come and gone he has been able to add to his holdings until he now owns considerable valuable property. He has recently sold a tract of eighty acres, while his present farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres located on section 6, Grant township.

The year 1899 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Byrnes and Miss Ellen Brennen, of Audubon county, Iowa, and in his marriage he established the foundation for a happy home life. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and are people of excellent traits of character, enjoying in no limited degree the respect and good will of their fellowmen.

Mr. Byrnes is democratic in politics but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he prefers to direct his entire time and energies to the conduct of his private business affairs. His life has been a successful one and he has never found cause to regret his determination to come to America, for here he found the opportunities for which he had sought, while his whole career is illustrative of the fact that certain actions are followed by certain results. He is as loyal to the interests of his adopted country as though he were a native born, and the consensus of public opinion accords him a high place among the substantial, progressive and enterprising farmers of Page county.

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#### IRA W. SHAMBAUGH.

The name of Shambaugh has figured in connection with the milling interests of Page county for more than a half century. Ira W. Shambaugh, a successful, progressive and enterprising business man, is now the active factor in the ownership and control of the Clarinda flouring mills. He was born in this city, his parents being James and Julia (Jaycox) Shambaugh. The public schools of this locality and of Burlington, Iowa, afforded him his educational privileges and in his youth he entered his father's employ, while at the age of twenty-one years he was admitted to a partnership in the business.

On coming from Ohio to Iowa James Shambaugh settled at Clarinda, where he first conducted a general store, but shortly afterward built a sawmill on Nodaway creek near the city. In a short time he added burrs and began the grinding of both wheat and corn. In the '60s he built a flour and sawmill at a place now known as Shambaugh, which was named in his honor, and at the present time is a town of seven or eight thousand inhabitants. The mill at Shambaugh was destroyed by fire in 1898 and then James Shambaugh, with his son Ira W., who had long been his partner, built the present mills and elevator at Clarinda, the latter having a capacity of fifty thousand bushels and the former a capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels per day. Since the retirement of his father from business Ira W. Shambaugh has been at the head of extensive milling interests, which constitute him one of the leading representatives of the productive interests of this county. He

is also a director of the Clarinda National Bank and his name is an honored one on commercial paper.

Ira W. Shambaugh belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank, being now connected with the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. While he entered upon a business already established, many a man of less resolute spirit and of less energy would have failed in carrying it forward to successful completion. His record, therefore, proves clearly that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment and experience.

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#### WILLIAM ROY HILL.

Among the native sons of Page county who are successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and through their well directed efforts and unfaltering industry and perseverance are meeting with gratifying measure of success, is numbered William Roy Hill. He was born in Amity township on the 21st of March, 1873, and is a son of J. H. and Emma (Morledge) Hill. The father, who is of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Highland county, Ohio, and came to Page county, Iowa, in the early '60s, locating near Clarinda on a farm of eighty acres, owned in connection with his brother, J. E. Hill. The father now makes his home in Shambaugh with his youngest son, Ed Hill. The mother, who was of English lineage, passed away on the old homestead on the 25th of April, 1886.

Reared to agricultural pursuits, William Roy Hill remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age, in the meantime attending the district schools during the winter months and assisting his father in the work of the fields in the summer seasons. Subsequently, when he could be spared from the farm, he attended Amity College at College Springs, Iowa, during the years 1891 and 1892, pursuing a general course, and in the year 1893 was graduated from the commercial department of that institution. After his graduation Mr. Hill went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was employed as a bookkeeper by Swift & Company for six months. He then returned home, remaining upon the farm until his marriage. He operated the farm until 1888 in the capacity of renter and in that year, in partnership with George G. Long, he purchased one hundred and twenty-seven acres two and a half miles south of Shambaugh in Amity and Buchanan townships. The following year they bought eighty-seven acres adjoining their property on the southeast and Mr. Hill continued to make this farm his place of residence for five years. He then went into partnership with his brother, Ed Hill, in farming and stock raising and in 1904 rented the Samuel White farm of two hundred and fifty-four acres. They also rented the old homestead place of one hundred and eighty acres and for a period of five years operated the entire tract of seven hundred acres. At the expiration of that time the partnership was dissolved, William Roy Hill selling his share of the property to his brother with the exception of twenty acres. He then invested in one hundred acres of land in Nodaway county, Missouri, near Clearmont. Subsequently he rerented the Samuel White

farm for a term of three years and is now residing thereon. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods, his business acumen is keen and his ambition to succeed is surpassed only by his great energy and perseverance. His life has been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of honest labor, and now, as the result of close application and good business management, he is enjoying a most gratifying measure of prosperity.

It was on the 28th of October, 1896, that Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Gladys M. Long, a daughter of George G. and Mollie (Marshall) Long, residing three-quarters of a mile southwest of the village of Shambaugh. Her parents were natives of Ohio, the father coming to Iowa in the late '50s, being numbered among the first settlers of the district, while Mrs. Long came to Iowa in 1869, where she was married in 1871. Extended mention is made of them on another page of this volume. Mrs. Hill attended the public schools and later took a normal course at Amity College, after which she taught school for fifteen terms in the rural districts of Page county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill has been blessed with five children, namely: Gertrude Marie, born October 22, 1898; Harry Hepburn, born November 4, 1900; Gerald Maurice, born November 28, 1904; Mabel, born October 9, 1907, who passed away in infancy; and Kenneth Reid, born July 30, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Methodist Church of Shambaugh, while the former is treasurer of the church and also a member of the official board. They are greatly interested in the work of the church and do all in their power to further its influence in the community. Mr. Hill gives his political support to the republican party and is now serving as a member of the district school board, having filled that office for five years. In 1906 he was chosen by a large majority for township trustee but he refused to accept the office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business affairs. He is, nevertheless, a public-spirited citizen and his influence and activity are always upon the side of progress, reform, improvement and advancement, and these qualities constitute him a valued and representative citizen of the county. Having spent almost his entire life in Page county, he has gained an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances, and by his sterling qualities has commanded the respect and esteem of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM R. RYERSON.

William R. Ryerson, now serving as clerk of the district court at Clarinda, Iowa, was born near Hamilton, Mo., February 11, 1873, a son of Joshua J. and Elizabeth E. (Culp) Ryerson. The father, who arrived in Page county in 1874, was for some time identified with the agricultural interests of this district, but later, upon removing to Braddyville, he became engaged in the grocery business in 1879. He died in January of the same year, however, but his wife still makes her home in that city.



Reared under the parental roof, William R. Ryerson received his early education in the public schools of Braddyville and later pursued a course of study in the Western Normal College at Lincoln, Nebraska, subsequently graduating from the Fremont Normal College at Fremont, Nebraska, in 1895. For six years thereafter he was identified with educational interests, teaching in the schools of Page county for four years and also in the Lenox high school, at Lenox, Iowa, for two years. He then withdrew from professional circles and accepted a position as clerk in a drug store, while later he purchased an interest in a hardware business at Conway, Taylor county, where he remained for two years. Selling his interests in that town, he became identified with the same line of business in Shenandoah, Iowa, conducting business under the firm name of W. R. Ryerson. Thus he continued until 1908, when he sold out, having been elected clerk of the district court. He assumed the duties of this office on the 4th of January, 1909, his term expiring two years from that date. He is prompt and loyal in the discharge of his duties and his service is proving entirely satisfactory to his constituents and the community at large.

In politics Mr. Ryerson is a republican, giving stalwart support to the principles of that party. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been deeply interested in church work and while residing at Conway served as superintendent of the Sunday school, likewise serving as president of the Epworth League at Shenandoah. In his official capacity he has exercised the same businesslike spirit of promptness and energy that characterized him in the control of his private interests, and he has held to high ideals of citizenship and to lofty principles concerning conduct in business and in private life. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and the consensus of public opinion ranks him among the representative citizens of Page county.

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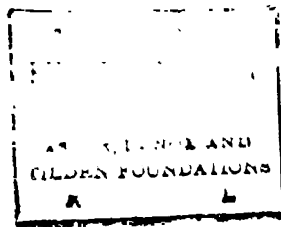
#### CHARLIE ALBERT LISLE.

Charlie Albert Lisle, editor and owner of the Clarinda Herald, has thus been associated with the newspaper interests of the city since the 1st of June, 1885. He has also been active in other lines of business, while moreover his labors have been fruitful elements in promoting public progress and improvement. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, a son of Joseph and Mary (Evans) Lisle, who were farming people and came to Iowa in the spring of 1861, settling first in Guthrie county. There the father died at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother passed away July 16, 1909, at the age of eighty-eight.

In the country schools C. A. Lisle acquired his early education and when sixteen years of age he took up the profession of teaching. He afterward, however, pursued a classical course in the Iowa Wesleyan University of Mount Pleasant and was graduated with the class of 1872. While sitting on the platform waiting to deliver his graduating oration he was handed a telegram informing him that he had been elected principal of the



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West Hill school in Burlington. He occupied that position for a year and then went to Red Oak, Iowa, as superintendent of the city schools, remaining there through the scholastic year of 1873-4. In September of the latter year he returned to Burlington as principal of the high school and was thus closely and prominently identified with the educational interests of that city for eight years, a period in which he established a high reputation for the efficiency and value of his professional labors. In 1882 he went to Fort Madison to begin newspaper work, having purchased the Plaindealer and since that time his energies have been devoted to journalism. While there residing he was appointed postmaster by President Arthur and continued to fill the office until November, 1885.

Mr. Lisle became a factor in the business interests of Clarinda when in June, 1886, he purchased a half interest in the Clarinda Herald, removing to this city in the following November. In 1887 he purchased his partner's interest in the paper and has owned and published the Herald continuously since. He has always found genuine pleasure in newspaper work and has made this one of the most creditable country newspapers of the state, for he employs many methods of modern journalism and gives to his subscribers a clean sheet devoted to the discussion of questions of local and general interest. He has a well equipped printing plant, a gratifying advertising patronage and a large circulation. In 1903 he became interested in manufacturing lines and since January, 1905, has been serving as president and general manager of the Lisle Manufacturing Company, engaged in the manufacture of well boring and drilling machinery and cream separators. This is one of the important industrial concerns of the county and its large output, which is being constantly increased to meet the growing demands of the trade, makes it a profitable concern.

Another interesting chapter in the life record of Mr. Lisle is found in connection with the patriotic spirit which he displayed at the time of the Civil war. He was only fifteen years of age when he enlisted as a recruit in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and was taken to Camp McClellan at Davenport to be mustered in, but while there he became ill with typhoid fever and because of this failed to pass muster and was sent home. The same spirit of loyal devotion to the country has ever characterized his life and his loyalty to matters of local concern has been manifest in many tangible and helpful ways. He has been honored with several public offices, political and otherwise. While living at Fort Madison he occupied the position of postmaster and was likewise postmaster in Clarinda for one term. In all affairs relative to general improvement and progress he has manifested a deep interest, withholding his cooperation from no movement which he deems essential to the public good. He was for nine years officially connected with the Chautauqua Assembly and for five years has been president of the Clarinda Commercial Club. His political allegiance is always given to the republican party and he does everything in his power to advance its interests and secure its success.

On the 3d of January, 1872, Mr. Lisle was married to Miss Frances Lavina Spry, of Red Oak, Iowa, and unto them were born seven children,

four sons and three daughters, as follows: Charles Vernon, who met death by drowning when thirteen years of age; Vesta, the wife of S. M. Greene, an editor; Stella Mae, who is the wife of W. A. Turner, a member of the law firm of Orr & Turner at Clarinda; Edna, the wife of A. A. Jeffrey, who is the business manager of the Herald and proprietor of the Clarinda Printing Company; Edwin, the secretary of the Lisle Manufacturing Company, who wedded Miss Edith Crane, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Harvey H., who is serving as inspector for the Lisle Manufacturing Company and married Miss Ina May Robbins, of Malvern, Iowa; and Lorance, who was a student in Denver University for three years and is now learning the machinist's trade in the factory. All of the children have been provided with excellent educational opportunities, having the advantage of college instruction. The wife and mother died in July, 1890, and on the 19th of February, 1908, Mr. Lisle was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Emma Harris Russell, of Missouri Valley, Iowa.

The family are connected with the Methodist church. Mr. Lisle has been a member thereof since his childhood and served as a delegate from the Des Moines conference to the general conference which met in Los Angeles in 1904. For twenty-one years he continuously acted as superintendent of the Sunday school but retired from that position on the 1st of January, 1909. His influence is always on the side of right, progress and improvement, whether put forth in a private capacity or through his championship of measures in the columns of his paper. While he holds to high ideals, he works along practical lines and the results achieved are therefore satisfactory and commendable.

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#### DUFF M. CREAL.

Duff M. Creal, who is the capable incumbent in the office of county treasurer in Page county, was born in Lee county, Iowa, on the 1st of March, 1857, a son of William and Sarah (Saxe) Creal, both of whom are now deceased. The father followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Mr. Creal of this review obtained his education in the schools of Fairbury, Nebraska, and Clarinda, Iowa. It was in the year 1877 that he took up his abode in Clarinda and here learned the miller's trade, being afterward employed for five years as head miller in the city mills. His identification with milling interests continued for twelve years, and in 1891 he began selling groceries on the road, traveling throughout southwestern Iowa for seventeen years. As a traveling salesman he met with a most commendable and gratifying measure of success and it is safe to say that there is no man in Page county who has a wider acquaintance than Mr. Creal. In 1908 he was elected to the office of county treasurer for a two years' term and is now discharging the duties of the position in a most prompt, efficient and satisfactory manner.

On the 7th of July, 1882, Mr. Creal was united in marriage to Miss Alice J. Rounds, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, her father being William Rounds, a farmer by occupation. Fraternally Mr. Creal is connected with the Knights of Pythias, being a worthy exemplar of the craft. In whatever relation of life we find him—in political circles, in business or in social relations—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman, whose worth well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

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### JOHN Q. A. ORTH.

After many years connection with the mercantile interests of Clarinda, John Q. A. Orth is now living retired from business life, although he maintains a deep and active interest in the public affairs of the community. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Lebanon, Lebanon county, that state, on the 22d of May, 1837, a son of Adam G. and Fannie (Seacrist) Orth, the former a tanner by occupation. Reared in his native state, he attended the public schools there and acquired a good knowledge of the common branches of the English language. After leaving school he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in the Keystone state until 1882.

In that year Mr. Orth arrived in Clarinda, Iowa, where he became identified with merchandising, dealing in groceries and queensware. He was connected with that line of business in this city for sixteen years, during which period he met with most gratifying success, for he was strictly up-to-date in his business methods and carried an excellent line of goods that was calculated to meet all of the demands of the trade, for he realized that satisfied customers constituted the best advertisement a business could have. Moreover, his business integrity and true personal worth became widely recognized, gaining for him the trust, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen. He became one of the best known representatives of commercial interests in Clarinda, contributing in large measure to the upbuilding of the city in mercantile lines. As he prospered in his business affairs, his interests extended along other lines and he became the owner of several business structures in this city, including the Union block, a two-story brick building on the south side and a two-story brick structure on the west side. In 1898, feeling that his many years of well directed energy and labor entitled him to a merited rest, he sold out his store and retired from business activities.

The only interruption that came in his business career was occasioned by his enlistment, on the 1st of August, 1862, as a private in Company C of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Going to the front to aid his country in her hour of need, he served with that regiment for ten months, during which period he participated in the battles of Antietam and the battle of Fredericksburg, while he also was present at the engagement at Chancellorsville, which extended over the 1st, 2d, and 3d of May, 1863.

Mr. Orth was united in marriage in February, 1864, to Miss Elizabeth Alleman, of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and they now have six children, namely: Jennie, the wife of Russel Farrens, a merchant of Clarinda; Florence and Fannie, both teachers in the public schools of this city; Mary, who wedded Carrie Beckner, engaged in mercantile interests in this city; Grace, a bookkeeper in Clarinda; and James Guy, a merchant of this city. They also lost two sons, Jacob Calvin and John Alleman. The two daughters, Fannie and Grace, own a two-story brick building on the west side of the town, from the rental of which they derived substantial annual income.

Mr. Orth is a stalwart republican, staunchly supporting the principles and candidates of that party, being recognized as an active and helpful worker in local party ranks. He has served as councilman from the second ward for the past five years and in 1909 was chosen councilman at large, his term of service in the latter office to cover two years. He is serving as the chairman of the streets and alleys committee and is a member of the water committee. The cause of education also has always found in him a stalwart champion and while still a resident of the Keystone state he served as school director for nine years, while he served in similar capacity for six years in Clarinda. Public-spirited and loyal in citizenship, he is interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He has gained a wide circle of friends during his residence in this city and his salient characteristics are such as command the respect, esteem and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### SKILES AUSTIN KING.

Skiles Austin King, a well known and successful agriculturist residing on section 34, Tarkio township, is at the present time serving as a member of the board of township trustees. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Page county, his birth having occurred in Tarkio township on the 6th of January, 1879. He was reared on the farm adjoining his present place of residence and attended the public schools in pursuit of an education that would equip him for the practical and responsible duties of life. On attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account as an agriculturist, renting a tract of land from his father. At the end of five years, by dint of unremitting industry and close economy, he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the property, which has since remained in his possession and to the cultivation and improvement of which he now devotes his time and energies. The farm comprises one hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres of rich and productive land on section 34, Tarkio township, and is the source of a gratifying annual income to its owner. He utilizes practical and progressive methods in the conduct of his agricultural interests and has won a degree of prosperity that entitles him to recognition among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 23rd of December, 1898, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Ferris, a resident of Clarinda, Iowa, and a daughter of George Ferris, who is a retired agriculturist of that city. Mr. and Mrs. King now have two children, Earl J. and Darline.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. King has given his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. In November, 1908, he was elected a member of the board of trustees of Tarkio township and is proving a capable incumbent in the office. His wife is a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which he has resided from his birth to the present time and well merits the confidence and good will which are uniformly accorded him.

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### TIM C. JACKSON.

On the honor-roll of those who have been prominent in the upbuilding of the prosperous little city of Shenandoah, Iowa, the name of Tim C. Jackson, the druggist, deserves a place among the first, for though he did not own this city as his home until his early manhood, he has been unswerving in his devotion to its interests in the years since he engaged in the drug business within its boundaries. He was born on February 4, 1875, in Knox county, Ohio, where his father and mother, Bruce E. and Mary (Ross) Jackson, were born, reared and married. In 1879 Mrs. Jackson died, and the following year Mr. Bruce Jackson came to Red Oak, Iowa. In 1895, however, he removed to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he now resides and where merchandising claims his time and interest now as they have in the past.

After his mother's death Tim C. Jackson was cared for by his paternal grandparents until his eighth year, when he was taken by his step-mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford of Red Oak. Under their guidance he grew to manhood, supplementing the education received in the public schools of Red Oak by a course in the Western Normal College of Shenandoah. After leaving school he secured a position with F. A. Dickson of this city in his drug store, and though the business has been conducted by different men, Mr. Jackson has remained through all vicissitudes, conducting his business today in the same room he entered years before as a clerk. He remained as pharmacist when Mr. Dickson sold his store to N. R. Henderson, and then on January 1, 1900, he and Dr. T. L. Putnam bought the business, which for eight years they conducted in partnership. The interval between January and November, 1908, was the only period during which he has not had the reins in his hands. He is now again the proprietor and it is hoped that he will not soon see the necessity of relinquishing his cares to another.



In the two formal organizations that look toward the development of Shenandoah and in three of the fraternal societies that cultivate a healthful spirit of brotherhood Mr. Jackson is active. Of the latter Juniata Lodge, No. 295, K. P., Mishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W., and Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., claim him as a member. The Commercial Club has its name on their roll-call, and the Home Building & Loan Association, which has been all powerful in building up this enterprising little city, looks to him, as one of its directors, for guidance in its progressive policy. In 1905 the republican citizens here showed their appreciation of Mr. Jackson's public spirit by electing him a member of the city council, and it is only justice to say that they have had no reason to regret the placing of this trust.

On the 19th of October, 1898, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Maud Trophagen, of Waterloo, Iowa, and two children, Dorothy M. and Robert L., have been born of this union. Mrs. Jackson is a member of the Women's P. O. organization of the Shenandoah Baptist church, which she and her husband attend and support.

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#### JEROME YEAROUS.

Jerome Yearous, living on section 17, Nodaway township, is one of the thrifty and prosperous farmers and stock raisers of this township. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Clayton county on the 25th of May, 1856, a son of Charles and Catharine (Peters) Yearous. The former, a native of Baden, Germany, was born January 9, 1834, and came to the United States with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Yearous, when only three years of age. They located in Cleveland, Ohio, where Charles Yearous was reared. He passed away, however, in Clayton county, Iowa, on the 7th of January, 1906. His wife, who was born in May, 1833, in Ohio, still survives and makes her home on the old farm in Clayton county, Iowa. In their family were nine children, namely: Aaron, of Eagle Grove, Iowa; Jacob S., residing in West Union, Iowa; Jerome, of this review; Martha Jane, the wife of Frank Kimpston, of Fayette, Iowa; Christ, of Fayette county; Charles, residing in South Dakota; William, making his home in Clayton county; John, residing in Fayette county; and Andrew, a resident of Clayton county.

Reared in his native county, Jerome Yearous attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education that would fit him for the practical and responsible duties of life. His time was divided between the duties of the school room and the work of the fields, and he remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in the cultivation of the home place, until twenty-two years of age, when he became desirous of entering business on his own account. Accordingly he went to Phelps county, Nebraska, where he took up a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres, which he immediately put under cultivation. Eleven years were spent in the improvement of this place and then, in the spring of 1890, he sold this property and returned to

Iowa, establishing his home in Nodaway township, Page county, upon the farm which is still his place of residence. This farm, known as Maple Grove Farm, consists of one hundred and sixty acres, constituting the southeast quarter of section 17, and is one of the valuable farms of Nodaway township, presenting in its neat appearance an indication of care and progressiveness on the part of the owner. Mr. Yearous has erected good, substantial buildings upon the place which afford ample shelter for grain and stock and he has also instituted many other improvements. He has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, engaging in general farming and stock raising, his close application to business, his energy and perseverance and his ability to capably manage his affairs being potent elements in the gratifying degree of prosperity which he now enjoys. He is also the owner of considerable property, owning, aside from his home farm, a half section of land in Hand county, South Dakota, near the town of Miller.

On the 20th of September, 1881, in Clayton county, Iowa, Mr. Yearous was united in marriage to Miss Laura E. Schrack, who was born near Freeport, Illinois, January 18, 1864, a daughter of Potter and Rebecca (McHoes) Schrack, the former now deceased and the latter residing at Alma, Nebraska. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Yearous has been blessed with the following children: Charles R., residing in South Dakota; Raymond O., and George A., also in Dakota; Guy U., Isaiah, Leona A., Nathan A. and Leonard, all at home. They also lost two children, Nevada, who died at the age of seventeen months, and Herschel, who passed away when three years old.

Mr. Yearous gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served for the past six years as trustee. He is not, however, an office seeker, preferring to devote his time and energies to the management of his business affairs. He has used his opportunities to the best advantage and he has won a creditable measure of prosperity, while during the nineteen years of his residence in Nodaway township he has gained a large circle of friends who entertain for him high regard and esteem.

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### JAMES GUY ORTH.

James Guy Orth, a member of the firm of Orth & Beckner, well known shoe dealers of Clarinda, was born in Upton, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of March, 1884. He was brought to Page county, Iowa, by his parents, who returned to Clarinda after an absence of a year and a half, and began his education in the public schools of this city. He further prepared himself for the duties and responsibilities of an active commercial career by a course of study in the Quincy Business College and after leaving that institution was engaged in clerking in general stores in Clarinda and adjoining towns. In 1905 he established a shoe store in Clarinda in partnership with J. C. Beckner, under the name of Orth & Beckner, which has been successfully conducted up to the present time. The store is located on the west side of

the square and is accorded an extensive patronage, its owners having ever maintained an unassailable reputation for business integrity.

For the past three years Mr. Orth has acted as secretary of the Fifty-fifth Military Band and is now its treasurer. He is widely recognized as a most substantial, progressive and enterprising citizen of the county. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the church of that denomination, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. Though still a young man, he has already made an enviable record in business circles and his many friends predict for him a bright future.

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#### DAVID WINGERT.

David Wingert, a retired farmer, and now one of Shenandoah's representative citizens, who has devoted much time and thought to the advancement of the city's interests, was born in Preble county, Ohio, September 20, 1842, the son of Henry and Anna (Bentz) Wingert. Both parents were natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married, and where their three eldest children were born. They first moved to Preble county, Ohio, and in 1851 went to Lee county, Illinois, which was their home until they died, the father in his eighty-seventh year, the mother in her seventy-first. Both parents were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Henry Wingert was a republican in politics at a time when that party was struggling into recognition. The one hundred and sixty acre farm in Lee county is still in the possession of the family.

The subject of this sketch was brought up at home and received his education in the public schools. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted, though he was not yet nineteen years of age, in Company C, Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry, on September 7, 1861, and served in this company throughout the war, until he was mustered out, July 19, 1865, as first lieutenant of his company—a period of four years lacking six weeks. In some of the battles which have been accounted important in the progress of the war, such as Shiloh, Corinth, Stone River (where he was wounded twice), Liberty Gap, Peach Tree Creek and Averysboro, he took an honorable part, besides doing his share in many minor skirmishes. He was also one of those whom Sherman ever remembered so fondly as "his boys" on that historic march to the sea.

Upon his return from service Mr. Wingert located in Franklin Grove, Illinois, where he farmed for one year on his father's land. On the 24th of January, 1867, he was married and the following spring bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Lee county, Illinois, on which he settled and lived until the spring of 1871, when he came to Page county, Iowa. Here he bought a half section of land in Morton township, which was his home for thirty-two years and which he still owns. In 1903 he moved to Shenandoah, and has since been identified with the interests of this city, though he has not relinquished his large holdings of farm lands, which

at one time amounted to five hundred and sixty acres, and now, after generous gifts to his children, aggregate three hundred and sixty acres. Perhaps the fact that he is a stockholder in the Security Savings & Trust Company and is vice president of the Shenandoah Fair Association best demonstrate the substantial position he occupies in the city.

Mr. Wingert's first wife, who in her maidenhood had been Miss Elizabeth Houser, of Felicity, Ohio, died March 20, 1898, and some time after he married Miss Evaline Priuty, of Clermont county, Ohio. Of this second marriage there has been no issue, but of the four children of the first two daughters survive: Jessie M., the wife of J. F. McCurdy, a fruit grower in Yakima valley, Washington, and Effie L., the wife of Harry Wilson, an attorney of Seattle, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Wingert are members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Wingert's long life of useful and successful activity and his sincere interest in all that contribute to the advancement of Shenandoah make him a citizen who should be widely esteemed, but perhaps of greater influence, especially upon the younger members of this community, is the record of his soldier's days. He belongs to that all too rapidly diminishing fraternity whose patriotism was put to severe test, and his words, his presence, even, serve as a constant inspiration to that noblest of all loves, that of country.

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### JAMES L. BROWN.

James L. Brown, who has been assistant postmaster of Clarinda for the past ten years, was born in Adams county, Ohio, on the 16th of October, 1845, his parents being Thomas B. and Mary E. (Williams) Brown. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and also labored effectively as a minister of the gospel.

James L. Brown of this review obtained his education in the public schools of his native state and early in life became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1865 he moved to Villisca, Iowa, and the following year took up his abode in Clarinda, where he subsequently secured a clerkship in a general store, being thus employed for eight years. He was then elected county recorder and filled the position for four terms or eight years, his long retention in the office standing in incontrovertible proof of his efficiency and reliability in the discharge of his duties. On retiring from the office he entered the Nodaway Valley Bank as assistant cashier and remained with the institution for two years, during which period it had become the Clarinda National Bank. In 1887 he went to Wakeeney, Kansas, and after one year's service in a bank at that place he became identified with the clothing business, continuing his connection with that line of activity until his return to Clarinda after an absence of eight years. Here he accepted a position in the postoffice, where he has since been employed, having for the past ten years capably served in the capacity of assistant postmaster.

On the 2d of March, 1871, Mr. Brown was joined in wedlock to Miss Jennie Boyle, a native of Pennsylvania. By this union there are four children, namely: Edith, the wife of W. W. Welch, a contractor and builder of Clarinda; Mary E., who served as deputy treasurer of Page county and on June 16, 1909, became the wife of Dr. W. C. Phillips, of Clarinda; Louis H., who follows merchandising in Varna, Marshall county, Illinois; and Mabel A., who acts as deputy county clerk of Page county.

Mr. Brown belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of its official board. He has an extensive circle of friends throughout the county and in the various relations of life in which he has been found has shown himself fully worthy the confidence and trust which are uniformly given him.

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#### WILLIAM SPANGENBERG.

A well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres located on section 19, Nodaway township, has been the home of William Spangenberg since he came to Page county in 1892. He is a native of Joliet, Illinois, born September 8, 1858, of the marriage of John and Sophia (Etlar) Spangenberg, both natives of Mecklenburg, Germany, where they were reared and married. The father emigrated to the United States with his wife in 1854, their only child having died in Germany. Locating in Joliet, he was there employed as stationary engineer and blacksmith at the roundhouse of the railroad. He was thus engaged twenty-eight years, when he came to Iowa and located on a farm near Red Oak, where he and his wife spent their remaining days, the father passing away at the age of seventy-six years, while the mother's death occurred when she was sixty-eight years old. After coming to the United States eight children were added to the household, their family numbering nine children, as follows: Charles, who died in Germany; Mary, the wife of Henry Bruce, of Red Oak, Iowa; Anna, the wife of John Wagener, of Yorktown, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; William, of this review; Louis, who lives on the old homestead farm near Red Oak; Lizzie, the wife of Fred Huelle, of Nebraska; Charles, also of Nebraska; Minnie, the wife of Reinhold Huelle, also a resident of that state; and John, deceased.

William Spangenberg was a youth of sixteen years at the time of the parents removed from Joliet to Red Oak, Iowa. He remained on the home farm there until he was twenty-eight years of age and at that period in his life decided to establish a home of his own and engage in farming on his own account. He was accordingly married in 1886 to Miss Lena Wagener, who was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1864, and was but three years old when she was brought by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wagener, to the United States, while she was six years of age at the time of their removal to Page county.

Mr. and Mrs. Spangenberg took up their abode upon a farm in Montgomery county, Iowa, where, through their united efforts they accumulated the means with which to invest in land. In 1892 Mr. Spangenberg came to Page county and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres on section 19, Nodaway township. He has made many improvements on the place and now occupies a good country residence and has built substantial outbuildings. He does general farming and is numbered among the successful men of this section of the county.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Spangenberg was blessed with three daughters: Mattie, the wife of Fred Geer, of Tarkio township; and Annie and Bertha, both at home. The wife and mother passed away about two years after coming to Page county, her death occurring in 1894. Mr. Spangenberg also has three grandchildren, Walter, Lena and Charles Geer.

A democrat in his political views, he takes an active interest in the welfare of his community, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership of the German Lutheran church at Yorktown. A practical, general and successful farmer, his business interests have been so managed as to win him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort.

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#### J. M. McGLONE.

J. M. McGlone, of McGlone Brothers, cigar manufacturers of Shenandoah, was born in Delaware, Wisconsin, April 30, 1872. His parents, Michael and Mary (McGlone) McGlone, were natives of Ireland, but came as young people to this country and were married in New York city. After a period of farming in New York state they came west to Wisconsin, and in 1876 continued west to Nebraska, where they took up a homestead claim near Lincoln. There the mother died and the father resided until recently, when he retired from active life and went to Denver to make his home there with two of his sons.

The rudiments of his education M. J. McGlone received from the public schools, but it was at his home in the midst of the prairies that he acquired those fundamental lessons of life which have since enabled him to win his deserved success in business and gain the confidence of his fellow citizens. At the age of sixteen he started to learn the cigarmaker's trade and after completing his apprenticeship worked for some seven or eight years as a journeyman cigarmaker. In 1896 he came to Shenandoah and with his brother Peter established the present cigarmaking business. For about a year and a half the firm did an exclusively wholesale business, but in 1897 they secured their present site at 513 West Sheridan avenue, and opened up a thoroughly modern retail store in connection with their manufactory. Mr. McGlone is now one of the city's leading business men, actively identified with the interests that look to its development and improvement. His public spirit has been appreciated, too, by the republican

citizens, who have reelected him a member of the city council. However, business and political cares he does not permit to consume all his energy, but finds time for many fraternal affiliations, and is the guiding hand and happy spirit in the little groups that gather for the enjoyment of a few sociable hours. For he has been for the past seven or eight years the financier of Mishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W., belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., and is a member of that active little organization, the Booster Club. His religious allegiance is given to the Catholic church.

In 1900 Mr. McGlone and Miss Annie Morrison were married. Two children, Ellen Louise and Joseph Morrison, have been born to the couple, who are worthy of the high esteem in which they are held in the community.

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### GEORGE W. NEWSAM.

George W. Newsam, now deceased, came to Page county in pioneer times and was identified with its early development and progress until he felt that the country's claim upon him was paramount to every other duty and went to the front to aid the Union in the Civil war. He afterward returned and was identified with farming interests in this portion of the state until his demise, during which period he was accounted one of the leading and representative agriculturists and citizens of his community. He was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, a son of George and Nancy Newsam, who at an early day removed westward to Lee county, Iowa, and there remained until called to their final rest. In their family were ten children.

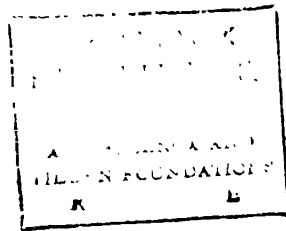
In his youth George W. Newsam accompanied his parents to Lee county, Iowa, and was still a young man when he removed to Page county, casting in his lot among its early settlers. Comparatively few had taken up their abode within its borders at the time of his arrival and much of the land was still in possession of the government. He entered a claim of eighty acres which was entirely wild and unimproved, not a furrow having been turned nor a building erected thereon. He put up a little board shanty and at once began the development and cultivation of his farm, being busily employed with the work of the fields until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in response to the country's call for troops, he enlisted as a member of Company F, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry. With that command he served for three years, participating in several hard-fought battles. He never faltered in the performance of any military duty, whether it called him into the thickest of the fight or stationed him on the lonely picket line. At all times he gallantly followed the old flag in defense of the cause which it represented and after the war he returned to Iowa with a creditable record as a soldier.

When the country no longer needed his aid, Mr. Newsam resumed farming in Page county and improved the property which he had secured. His wife also homesteaded eighty acres upon which she resides, entering this



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claim while her husband was absent in the army. Mr. Newsam was busily engaged in the work of developing these two tracts and lived the life of an energetic, progressive and useful farmer.

It was in 1859 that Mr. Newsam was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Margerum, who was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, a daughter of David and Nancy Ann (Eberly) Margerum, who came to Page county, Iowa, in 1859 and spent their remaining days here. Their family numbered eight children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Newsam were born five children: Susanna, who is now the widow of Oscar Bagley and resides in Taylor county, Iowa; Inez, the wife of John Glasgow, a resident of Minneapolis; Ella, the wife of Frank Fisher, a farmer of Douglas township; Sherman and Emmet, both deceased.

In his political views Mr. Newsam was a stalwart republican and ever took an active part in politics, keeping well informed on questions and issues of the day and doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. For ten years he filled the office of township clerk and was also a member of the school board for several years. He was deeply interested in everything that pertained to the welfare of the community and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further any movement for the public good. He died about thirty years ago, leaving a widow and three children to mourn his loss. His remains were interred in the Villisca cemetery and his memory is yet enshrined in the hearts of many who knew him. Mrs. Newsam still survives her husband and is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Douglas township. She is a member of the United Presbyterian church and an earnest, consistent Christian woman, who guides her life by the teachings of the church.

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#### OMAR DUNCAN.

Omar Duncan, a mail carrier of Clarinda, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Page county, his birth having occurred here on the 15th of July, 1874. His father, Daniel Duncan, followed farming throughout his active business career and passed away on the 25th of October, 1908. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Nancy N. McFerrin, still survives, being a well known and esteemed resident of Clarinda.

Omar Duncan supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the public schools of this county, by a course in Amity College at College Springs. On the 13th of June, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming a private of Company M, Fifty-first United States Volunteer infantry. The regiment went to San Francisco and on the 3d of September sailed for Manila, remaining on the Philippine Islands from December 7, 1898, until September, 1899. Mr. Duncan participated in all the engagements of his regiment and also acted as scout on many occasions. On the 2d of November, 1899, at San Francisco, he was mustered out of the army as corporal, having been promoted to that rank.

After returning to Clarinda he entered the United States mail service as office assistant and subsequently became a carrier, which position he has held to the present time, proving a most capable, reliable and trustworthy employe of the government. He is a valued and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving as a member of the official board and also as superintendent of the Sunday school. He has an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the county in which he has always resided, his many excellent traits of character having gained him the kindly regard and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

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### PETER SHUM, JR.

Peter Shum, Jr., who conducts an up-to-date livery stable in Clarinda, was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Valley township, Page county. He was born in Vermont on the 8th of December, 1853, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Peanor) Shum, who were both born in Canada and went to Vermont with their respective parents. They were married in that state and later moved to Lee county, Iowa, in 1858. There they rented a farm for a while and then Mr. Shum purchased eighty acres of land, to which he subsequently added another tract of eighty acres, which he operated until 1874, when he sold his farm and moved to Page county. In this county the mother passed away and in 1902 the father removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he yet resides at the age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of sixteen children, nine of whom still survive.

Coming to Iowa when but five years of age, Peter Shum, Jr., acquired his education in the common schools of this state, and when not engaged with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the farm. He early became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and the experience thus gained in his boyhood and youth proved of great assistance to him when, having reached his twenty-first year, he undertook the operation of his father's farm. He continued to reside upon the homestead for eleven years and then he purchased a tract of eighty acres in Valley township, which he continued to improve and develop. He put his fields under a high state of cultivation and became very successful in his various agricultural pursuits, operating this farm for about fourteen years. At the expiration of that period he sold his property and came to Clarinda, where he purchased a livery barn, in the conduct of which he has since been engaged. He owns eight good teams and at all times keeps his vehicles in first-class order, his livery being up-to-date and modern in all of its appointments. He is a good business man and has been most successful in his undertaking, the fact that he is ever square and upright in all of his dealings making him popular with a large and constantly growing patronage.

Mr. Shum has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary A. McMichael, who was born in Page county. Their wedding was celebrated in 1875 and unto this union were born three children, namely: Nora L., the wife of Harry Turner, residing in Clarinda; Myrtle, who wedded F. L. Moore and resides in Villisca, Iowa; and S. W., who is also married and makes his home in this city. In 1885 the wife and mother passed to her final rest, and two years later Mr. Shum was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary J. True, a native of Des Moines county, Iowa. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, as follows: Ora, the wife of Neal Turner, of Shenandoah, Iowa; Georgia, who married Clyde Nealy and resides in Clarinda; Jessie, who is still under the parental roof and is now attending high school at Clarinda; and Hazel, at home.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Shum is a member of Hepburn Lodge, No. 482, I. O. O. F. He has given his allegiance to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he served as constable and road supervisor for eleven years. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he takes a deep interest in all matters that tend toward the substantial and permanent growth and development of the community. His success ranks him among the prosperous and progressive citizens of Clarinda, and he is popular with a large circle of friends who entertain for him high regard and esteem.

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#### MRS. JULETTA KIDWELL.

Mrs. Julietta Kidwell, well known in Coin, where she has many friends, is one of Iowa's native daughters, her birth having occurred in Lyon county. Her parents were Malon and Rachel (Haworth) Haworth, by whose early death Mrs. Kidwell was left an orphan when eight years of age and went to live with a relative, Madison Thompson. She was one of a family of ten children, namely: George, now deceased; Mary, who is the widow of G. W. Davis and now resides in Coin, Iowa; James, who died of measles while serving his country as a Union soldier of the Civil war; Sylvester, a resident of Canada; Ellen, the deceased wife of George Riley, who is living in Canada; Cassius M., who died in childhood; Mrs. Kidwell; and Matilda, who was married but is now deceased. The parents of these children became farming people of Illinois and afterward of Iowa, making their home in Lyon county until their daughter Julietta was about three years of age, when they returned to Illinois, where their remaining days were passed.

Mrs. Kidwell continued a resident of Illinois until a maiden of sixteen years and pursued her education in the public schools of that state. She then came to Page county with Madison Thompson, in whose home she had remained since her parents' death and here she was afforded the opportunity of attending the Snow Hill school. She remained a member of Mr. Thompson's family until her marriage, which was celebrated on the 5th of October, 1873, on which date she became the wife of James Kidwell,

who was born in Ohio and was left an orphan at the age of six years. He came to Iowa about 1869 and before his marriage purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he took up his abode. He soon made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Juletta Haworth and they began their domestic life upon a farm which he had purchased, Mr. Kidwell bending his energies to the further development and improvement of the place. He built a house there and began cultivating the fields but after a short time disposed of that property and bought forty acres. He afterward disposed of that tract and invested in eighty acres, which he improved, making his home thereon for twenty-five years, during which time he converted the place into one of the finest farms of the locality. He was persistent and energetic in his work, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by earnest effort, and as the years passed he won success that made him one of the substantial farmers of his community.

Mr. Kidwell was numbered among the veterans of the Civil war, having enlisted from Illinois in 1865. Soon afterward, however, he became ill and was taken to the hospital, where he remained most of the time during the war. Throughout his life he was a loyal citizen, interested in whatever pertained to the welfare of the county, state or nation. Fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Coin. He continued to carry on farming throughout his entire life and passed away on the old homestead in Colfax township, April 4, 1903. His death was the occasion of widespread regret to many friends as well as to his immediate family for his sterling qualities endeared him to all who knew him. Mrs. Kidwell now makes her home in Coin, where she owns a good residence. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a lady of excellent traits of heart and mind.

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#### G. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Twenty-three years have come and gone since G. William Richardson took up his abode in Clarinda and became a factor in the business life of the city. He has since made steady progress for he has learned to correctly value life's contacts and its experiences and to so utilize his opportunities that the utmost possibility of accomplishment at that point in his career has been attained. He is today numbered among the leading lumber merchants of this part of the state and he figures prominently in financial circles and in connection with other business enterprises. He was born in Itasca, Illinois, and is a son of William and Susan (Martin) Richardson, who were farming people, the father having devoted his entire life to the tilling of the soil.

G. William Richardson spent the first eighteen years of his life in school and after teaching a country school one year he entered business life as a traveling salesman, spending ten years on the road. Believing that Clarinda offered a favorable field for success in business, he arrived in this

city in 1886 and has since made his home here, covering a period of twenty-three years, during which time his forceful individuality has been felt as a moving factor in the business development of the city. He first purchased an interest in a lumber business, which was conducted under the firm style of Howell & Richardson for two years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the interest of his partner, William M. Howell, and has since conducted the business alone under his own name. He has large and well appointed lumberyards, dealing in lumber and builders' supplies in Clarinda and Shambaugh, Iowa. This does not indicate the limit of his ability and resources, however, for he has extended his efforts into other fields and is now the president of the Shambaugh Savings Bank at Shambaugh. He is likewise the vice president of the Lee Electric Light Company at Clarinda and is a director of the Page County State Bank. His judgment is regarded as sound and reliable, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unfaltering, and thus he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Page County Building & Loan Association and from its inception has served on its board of directors, his sound business judgment constituting a factor in the success of that undertaking. In addition to his commercial and financial interests he is the owner of several pieces of Clarinda real estate.

Mr. Richardson was married in 1880 to Miss Mary Sayer, of Bartlett, Iowa, a daughter of Henry V. and Phoebe Sayer, the former a farmer by occupation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have been born four children: Susanne E.; Warren S., who pursued his education at Lake Forest, Illinois, and is now connected with his father in the lumber business; Zua Christel, who is attending the high school; and Doris Ruth, in the public school.

Mr. Richardson is a member of the Presbyterian church, generous in its support and active in its work. For the past eighteen years he has served as one of its elders and his labors have been a valuable element in its growth and the extension of its influence. He is preeminently a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence. Modestly inclined, he does not seek praise for what he has accomplished but the consensus of public opinion places him in the front rank among the prominent residents of Clarinda.

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### JOHN B. GIBSON.

The invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career and the truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of John B. Gibson, a retired farmer residing in Shenandoah. When he arrived in this state he faced the situation many times of being without a cent in his pocket. Today he is one of the wealthy men of the county, owning extensive tracts of valuable land in both Iowa and Missouri. He was born in Wayne county, New York, on the 27th of February, 1831, a son of Benjamin T. and Mary (Chattin) Gibson, both natives of New

Jersey. The parents were reared and married in the latter state and subsequently removed to New York, where they resided for about eleven years. They then returned to New Jersey and located in Gloucester county, where their remaining days were spent, the father devoting his life to the occupation of farming. His death, which was occasioned by cholera, occurred in 1849, when he had reached the age of forty-nine years, while the mother passed away at the early age of forty-three years.

John B. Gibson, whose name introduces this review, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, acquiring his early education as a pupil of the common schools and supplementing this training by a term of study at a select school at Charlotteville, New York. In 1856 he came west, locating in Des Moines, Iowa, where he spent the following winter. In the spring of 1857 he continued his journey westward to the Missouri river, driving a team through to Omaha for a man who was making the trip with several teams. He remained in Omaha over night and then went to Nebraska City, taking up a preemption claim of a quarter section of land five and a half miles west of that city. In 1858 he drove a team for a man freighting from White Cloud to Fort Kearney, Nebraska. The trip was made across the vast prairies where still roved great herds of buffalo. In 1859 he removed to Missouri, where he secured a position in a mill on No Man's Land, an island in the Missouri river, where he applied himself to learning the miller's trade. This he followed until 1863, when, laying aside all business interests, he enlisted in Company M, Second Nebraska Cavalry, serving for over nine months, the regiment being sent north into the Dakotas to suppress the Indians in their depredations.

After the close of his term of enlistment Mr. Gibson was honorably discharged and mustered out. He returned to Hog Fish Bend, Missouri, three and a half miles southeast of Hamburg, where he purchased an interest in a mill, being thus connected until 1866, when he sold his milling interests and directed his energies toward agricultural pursuits, locating in Atchison county, Missouri, where he invested in two hundred and forty acres of farm land, paying but eight and a third dollars per acre. Three years later he purchased another tract of two hundred and forty acres lying just across the road from his original farm, for which he paid fifteen dollars per acre. This land was very rich and productive, yielding in one year twelve thousand bushels of corn, the one crop being sufficient not only to cover the cost of the entire farm but also the fencing of the same. In 1894 he sold this property for fifty dollars per acre, thus realizing an immense profit over the purchase price.

Mr. Gibson came to Shenandoah in 1893 and bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Locust Grove township, Fremont county, Iowa, to which he removed and upon which he resided for eighteen months. In 1894 he again came to Shenandoah, remaining here for one year, when he took a trip to California, spending the winter of 1895-96 in that state. Returning to Fremont county, Iowa, he purchased another farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Locust Grove township, which farm constitutes one of the finest tracts of land in that county. He resided upon this

place for twelve years, devoting the intervening years to general agricultural pursuits, his efforts in this direction meeting with excellent results. The signal success which attended him in his farming at last made it possible for him to retire from the active duties of business life and in 1908 he returned to Shenandoah, where he is now residing, enjoying, as a reward for his former years of toil, all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He is still in possession of his two tracts of land in Locust Grove township, Fremont county, and is also the owner of five hundred and seventy acres three miles east of Stanberry, Missouri, for which he recently refused ninety dollars per acre. His property holdings now aggregate eleven hundred and thirty acres of valuable land, ranking him among the extensive landowners of the county.

On June 11, 1865, Mr. Gibson laid the foundations for a happy home life by his marriage to Miss Hannah Mahala Benedict, a native of western Pennsylvania. In 1854 her father, Albert Benedict, removed with his family from Venango county, Pennsylvania, to Missouri, locating in Atchison county, where he is still living. His wife died in 1878 and was buried at Grange Hall, that county. Both held membership in the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are also consistent members of the Baptist church and take an active and helpful interest in the various phases of church work. In politics Mr. Gibson is a stalwart republican although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, preferring as he does to concentrate his energies upon his own private interests. He is in the broadest sense a self-made man, being both the architect and builder of his own fortune. Starting out on his business career empty-handed, he has, through indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance, forced his way upward until he is today classed among the men of affluence in the county. His natural powers have been used to good advantage, while he has at all times been quick to recognize and utilize opportunities that have come his way.

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#### GEORGE F. FISHER.

George F. Fisher, who is now living retired in Clarinda, having put aside active business cares, is capably serving his fellow townsmen in several positions of public trust and responsibility. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 5th of August, 1846, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Palmer) Fisher. The father followed merchandising in the Buckeye state but on his removal to Page county, Iowa, in 1854, he entered government land and was actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His farm occupied the site of the present state hospital and he was widely recognized as one of the most substantial and respected pioneer settlers of his community. He passed away at the age of eighty-three years, four months and twenty-eight days, while his wife was called to her final rest when seventy-three years old.



George F. Fisher obtained his education in the common schools of this county and on putting aside his text-books gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, having early become familiar with the work of the fields through the assistance which he rendered his father. As the years passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his capably directed and untiring labor, he gradually added to his landed holdings until at the time of his retirement he was the owner of two finely improved and valuable farms. In 1904, having accumulated a handsome competence, he disposed of this property and took up his abode in Clarinda, where he has since lived retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. On the 17th of August, 1864, he had enlisted for service as a private of Company I, First Nebraska Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, continuing with that command until September, 1866. They did duty in the west at the time of the Indian troubles, guarding railroads, ranches and mails and participating in a number of skirmishes. Mr. Fisher was with the regiment in all its movements and also did scout duty, proving a brave and loyal soldier who never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him.

On the 28th of October, 1866, Mr. Fisher was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Stone, of Pekin, Illinois. By this union there are two children, namely: Frederick A., who married Miss Bessie Livingston, of Page county, and now follows farming in Gravity, Taylor county, Iowa; and Hattie A., who is the wife of Rube Livingston and likewise makes her home in Gravity, Taylor county.

Politically Mr. Fisher is a staunch advocate of the republican party and for the past five years has acted as township trustee. He is likewise the commissioner for the poor at Clarinda and is also the incumbent in the office of township road supervisor, discharging his various official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. He stands for advancement and reform and has ever been an advocate of justice, truth and right in all his relations with his fellowmen.

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#### ASA H. MITCHELL.

Asa H. Mitchell is engaged in general farming in Amity township, owning and cultivating two hundred acres of land on sections 15 and 23. He was born on the 18th of January, 1878, on a farm five miles southwest of Tarkio, Missouri, his parents being Anthony and Frances (Menefee) Mitchell. The father, a native of Germany, was but a child when brought by his parents to the new world, the family home being established near Tarkio, Missouri, on the farm which is still his place of residence. The mother of our subject, whose birth occurred in Page county, Virginia, removed to White Cloud, Kansas, with her parents when a child. She is now deceased, having been called to her final rest on the 5th of August, 1894. She was the daughter of Rev. John H. Menefee, a well known hardshell Baptist minister, who preached in Iowa at one time.

Asa H. Mitchell was reared on the old homestead farm and attended the district schools until sixteen years of age. Subsequently he spent three years in Tarkio (Mo.) high school, from which institution he was graduated in 1897. He then spent one year in Tarkio College. On account of failing health he was obliged to give up a contemplated collegiate course and after putting aside his text-books he devoted his attention to the work of general farming for a period of six years. He was engaged in the operation of a rented tract of land for one year and then, in association with his brother, K. C. Mitchell, purchased eighty acres six miles southwest of Tarkio. At the end of two years he sold his interest to his brother and afterward operated a rented farm for a year. During the following three years he lived on a farm of two hundred and forty acres near Tarkio, which he owned in partnership with his brother, E. L. Mitchell. After selling out to his brother he came to Page county, Iowa, purchasing two hundred acres of land on section 15 and 23, Amity township, where he has since continued to reside. He has brought the fields under a high state of development and cultivation and everything about the place indicates the supervision of a most practical and progressive owner.

On the 15th of March, 1906, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Lula E. Jones, a daughter of I. N. and Sarah (Woolsey) Jones, who make their home near Hamburg, Fremont county, Iowa, the father being a well known agriculturist of that county. Mrs. Jones is a native of Caldwell county, Missouri. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been born two children: Orville, now three years of age; and Harold, who is one year old.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Mitchell has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Tarkio, Missouri. Though still a young man, he has already attained a creditable measure of prosperity as an agriculturist, while the many sterling traits of character which he has displayed in both business and social relations have won him an extensive circle of friends.

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#### EDWARD R. HARRISON, D. D. S.

Dr. Edward R. Harrison, a well known and successful dental practitioner of Clarinda, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, on the 16th of May, 1880, a son of William H. and Helen M. (Uhle) Harrison. The father is identified with the Bankers Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa. When but two years of age our subject was brought by his parents to Shenandoah, Page county, Iowa, where he was reared and educated, completing the high school course. Having determined upon the profession of dentistry as a life work, he then entered the dental department of Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated in 1903. Locating for practice in Clarinda, he has here

remained to the present time, his skill and ability in the line of his chosen calling being attested by the large and remunerative patronage which is accorded him. He belongs to both the Corning District Dental Society and the Iowa State Dental Society.

On the 28th of December, 1904, Dr. Harrison wedded Miss Grace L. Hunt, a daughter of A. V. Hunt, of Clarinda, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. By this union there are two children, Ruth Agnes and Albert Victor. Dr. Harrison is a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also a worthy exemplar of the beneficent teachings of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belongs. Though still a young man, he has already gained enviable recognition as a most able representative of the dental profession and is also highly esteemed socially, his genial nature and deference for the opinions of others winning him the warm regard of those with whom he comes in contact.

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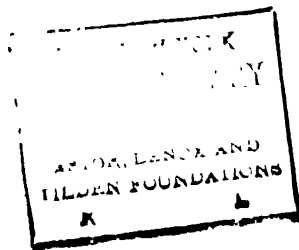
### JAMES GAMBLE.

James Gamble, a prominent and well known resident of Colfax township, where he owns three hundred acres of rich farming land, has retired from the active work of the fields and now rents all of his property save a tract of twenty acres a half mile from Coin, on which he makes his home. His birth occurred in Scott county, Indiana, on the 9th of May, 1842, his parents being Alexander and Elizabeth (Carlile) Gamble. The father, who was born in County Cavan, Ireland, April 6, 1811, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in 1821, the ocean voyage consuming twelve weeks. The family home was established in Carroll county, Ohio, where Alexander Gamble remained until 1842, when he took up his abode in Scott county, Indiana. There he purchased land and continued to reside until called to his final rest on the 2d of November, 1891. His wife, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, June 6, 1819, died on the 13th of May, 1890. The paternal grandparents of our subject both passed away in Carroll county, Ohio. In the family of Alexander and Elizabeth (Carlile) Gamble there were nine children, as follows: Margaret, deceased, who gave her hand in marriage to Nathan Morgan; James, of this review; Robert, who resides on the old home place in Scott county, Indiana; John, who is deceased; George W., a resident of Washington county, Indiana; Sarah J., the wife of David Morgan; Mary M., the wife of Asbury Still, of Washington county, Indiana; Martha Isabelle, who is the wife of W. Lynch, of Scott county, Indiana; and Amanda Ellen, the wife of Wilbur Christie, of Scott county, Indiana.

James Gamble obtained his education in the district schools of his native county and remained on the home farm, assisting in its cultivation, until he joined the "boys in blue" in their loyal defense of the Union. It was on the 9th of August, 1862, that he enlisted from Scott county, Indiana, becoming a member of Company F, Sixty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry



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The regiment was mustered into service at Camp Noble in New Albany and a week later participated in the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, where Mr. Gamble was taken prisoner and held captive for about a week. He was then paroled and, being given a 'thirty days' furlough, returned home. He afterward reported for duty at Camp Noble, where he rejoined his regiment and remained for about a month. At the end of that time the regiment was sent to Indianapolis, where they were equipped and then went into winter quarters at Corinth, Mississippi. The next summer they joined Sherman's command and participated in the entire campaign under that famous general, taking part in the battle of Atlanta on the 22d of July. In that engagement General McPherson was killed and Mr. Gamble had his gun shot out of his hand. He went with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea and remained with him until the time of the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. He was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 3d of June, 1865, and arrived in Scott county on the 15th of the same month, returning home with a most creditable military record.

On again taking up the pursuits of civil life Mr. Gamble became identified with mercantile interests in Scott county, conducting an establishment of that character until he left the Hoosier state to come to Iowa. He started westward on the 21st of September, 1869, and, after a slow and tedious journey by wagon, arrived in Page county on the 31st of October. Here he purchased eighty acres of raw land, on which he built a small house and started housekeeping, having at that time a wife and one child. As the years passed by he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement and, by reason of his untiring industry and excellent management, won a gratifying measure of success in his farming operations, so that he was enabled to purchase more land from time to time. At one period he owned six hundred and forty acres of valuable farming property but was given more than half of this to his children and his farm now embraces three hundred acres in Colfax township. He is at present living retired in a pleasant and commodious residence within a half mile of Coin and rents all of his property save the tract of twenty acres on which he resides. He is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Coin and also in the local telephone company, and is widely recognized as one of the most substantial, respected and influential residents of the county.

On the 20th of February, 1866, Mr. Gamble was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McCullough, who was born in Scott county, Indiana, on the 6th of March, 1845, her parents being James Y. and Rhoda (Smith) McCullough. Their union has been blessed with twelve children, the record of whom is as follows: Emma, living at Blanchard, Iowa, is the wife of J. H. Hensley, by whom she has three children; Arthur, Elizabeth and Vesta. Robert O., the assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Coin, Iowa, wedded Miss Emma Rhinehart and has three children: Mildred, Frances and Melton. Lewis B., a resident of Washington township, Page county, married Miss Maud Henderson and has one child, Wesley. Edwin, living in Morton township, this county, wedded Miss Carrie Christensen, by whom he has three children: Merrell, Esther and Thelma.

Flora, who resides on her father's old home place in Colfax township, is the wife of Robert H. Smiley and has one child, Marie. Chester, living in Morton township, wedded Miss Mary Mabel Lingo and has one child, Martha. George W., who wedded Miss Mary Anderson, is a resident of Torrington, Wyoming. Mae, who is the wife of Edward Henderson, of King City, Missouri, has two children, Ermel and Leonard. The other four children passed away in infancy.

Mr. Gamble has ever given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and has been an active worker in its local ranks. He has filled all of the township offices, was secretary of the school board for twenty years, capably served as county commissioner for six years and acted as township trustee for a long period. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the G. A. R. The Methodist church also numbers him among its valued and exemplary members, for his life has been at all times in harmony with his professions. Both he and his wife, who is a member of the same church, have an extensive circle of friends in this county, where they have now resided for four decades, their many excellent traits of character commanding the respect and esteem of all who know them.

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#### THOMAS E. MARTINDALE.

Thomas E. Martindale is a member of the firm of Martindale Brothers, proprietors of a restaurant, bakery and confectionery business on the south side of the square in Clarinda. That their establishment is popular is indicated by the liberal patronage accorded them and its popularity is due not only to the business enterprise of the owners but also to the cleanly and attractive manner in which the store is conducted and to the excellent service which they give to the public.

Thomas E. Martindale was born February 12, 1878, in Schuyler county, Missouri, and is a son of Marcus Allen and Amanda Ellen (Lunsford) Martindale. The father was born in Iowa, May 13, 1851, became a farmer by occupation and now makes his home at Bridgeport, a part of Cheyenne, Nebraska. He had been a life-long resident of Iowa until his removal to Nebraska in 1908. In 1881 he had established his home in Page county and here he remained for twenty-seven years, living in Nebraska township, where he owned a tract of land and followed the occupation of farming. He brought his land under a high state of cultivation, carefully tilling the fields and making it a valuable property. He was not only known as one of the representative and progressive agriculturists of the community but also as a man of considerable local influence, who served for some years as school director and otherwise contributed to public works by his cooperation and movements for the general good. In 1871 he married Miss Amanda Ellen Lunsford, of Davis county, Iowa, and they became the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are yet living, namely: James W., Thomas E.,

Isaac N., Arthur C., Jesse E., Linna Ellen, Elmer, Ona and Altie. The two deceased members of the family are: William, who died at the age of eleven years; and Francis, who died when a year old. The parents are members of the Adventist church and are people whose consistent Christian lives have won for them the warm regard and lasting friendship of the majority of those with whom they have come in contact.

Thomas E. Martindale was only three years of age at the time of the removal of the family from Schuyler, Missouri, to Page county, Iowa. Here he was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His time and attention were given to the work of the farm until 1904, when, thinking that he would find other pursuits more congenial and perhaps profitable, he came to Clarinda and entered the restaurant of J. H. Whitehill. There he became familiar with the methods of conducting such an enterprise and later he embarked in the business on his own account, purchasing a restaurant on the north side of the square. This he conducted for a year, after which he sold out and removed to a farm. He was then connected with general agricultural pursuits until January, 1909, when he and his brother, James W. Martindale, established their present business, opening a restaurant, bakery and confectionery store on the south side of the square, under the firm style of Martindale Brothers. Already they have secured a good patronage. They cater to the public trade in a manner that wins them success. They endeavor to give to their patrons whatever the market affords, served in attractive style, and their bakery goods and the confectionery which they handle is of high quality and therefore finds a ready sale.

Mr. Martindale was married on the 31st of August, 1904, to Miss Edna M. Whitehill, of Clarinda, a daughter of J. H. Whitehill, a merchant. They have one child, Gerald Whitehill, born September 4, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Martindale have many friends in the city where they have long resided. He has established himself as a substantial business man, reliable, enterprising and progressive, and his success is the merited reward of earnest, persistent labor.

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#### W. I. McCULLOCH.

W. I. McCulloch, living retired in Shenandoah, Iowa, is a well known and prominent figure among the early settlers of Page county. His birth occurred in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1844, a son of James and Mary (Irvin) McCulloch, both natives of that place. His paternal grandparents were of Scotch-Irish descent, coming to the United States from the north of Ireland, while the maternal grandparents came to this country from Scotland, both families settling in Juniata county, Pennsylvania. The grandmother, Mrs. Priscilla McCulloch, was the daughter of Colonel Thomas Turbett, of the Revolutionary war. The parents of our subject were reared, married and laid to rest in the county of their nativity,



the mother passing away when about forty-five years of age. Unto their union were born five children. The father lived to the very venerable age of ninety years. Having lost his first wife he wedded Miss Mary A. Beale, who by her marriage became the mother of four children.

Reared under the parental roof, W. I. McCulloch attended the common schools in the acquirement of his preliminary education and later had the advantage of two terms of study at the Tuscarora Academy, Tuscarora, Pennsylvania. At the age of twelve years he became badly crippled with rheumatism and it was not until he had reached manhood that he outgrew the effects of the disease. In 1873 he came to Shenandoah where, for a while, he made his home with his brother, Samuel T. McCulloch, who had come to Page county, this state, the preceding year. Here he purchased a number of cattle which he herded on the then unfenced prairie of this county for about eighteen months. At the expiration of this period he sold his cattle and invested in one hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Grant township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he at once directed his energies. He made a close study of the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, practiced the rotation of crops and conducted his business interests along strictly modern lines, so that eventually his fields were brought under a fine state of cultivation and yielded rich annual crops. He continued to operate this place until 1901, when the substantial success which had attended his efforts made it possible for him to retire from active work. He removed to Shenandoah, where he has since made his home, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of former years of toil. Since coming to this city, however, he has figured prominently in financial circles, being a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Shenandoah National Bank.

On January 11, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McCulloch and Miss Nancy E. Patterson, a daughter of William and Mary (Neely) Patterson, natives of Juniata county, Pennsylvania, and representatives of old Pennsylvania families. Unto this union has been born one child, Mary I., who makes her home with her parents. She is a graduate of the Western Normal College with the class of 1902 and possesses considerable musical ability, being a graduate of the primary course in music at that institution.

The family home is located at No. 404 Church street and is a handsome residence erected by Mr. McCulloch. He still owns his farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Grant township and the rental therefrom constitutes a substantial source of income to him, while his wife, after her marriage, purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres three and a half miles southeast of Shenandoah, which is still in her possession. Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch are both members of the Presbyterian church and Mrs. McCulloch is very active in all of the church work, while Mr. McCulloch has been president of the board of trustees since its organization in 1877. He is democratic in politics, and while not an aspirant for public office he has been called at different times to the office of trustee. He recognizes the duties and responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship and his means and influence are ever at the disposal of well directed and feasible

plans for general improvement. He is a man of admirable characteristics and in this county, where he is numbered among the old and well-known residents, his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance, and he is held in uniform honor and respect by all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### JAMES W. MARTINDALE.

Success is the direct and legitimate outcome of earnest, persistent and honorable effort. It also depends upon the power of the individual to recognize and utilize his opportunities and in none of these qualifications is James W. Martindale lacking. He is now associated with the business interests of Clarinda as a member of the firm of Martindale Brothers, owners of a restaurant, bakery and confectionery store on the south side of the square.

James W. Martindale is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Davis county on the 9th of August, 1872. His parents were Mackus and Amanda (Lunsford) Martindale, the former for many years a farmer near Hollyville, Taylor county. Extended mention is made of him on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of his son Thomas E. Martindale.

James W. Martindale was reared under the parental roof and early became familiar with the duties and labors falling to the lot of the agriculturist. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons acquired his education in the public schools. On leaving the farm he came to Clarinda and with his brother Thomas E. Martindale, began their present business, opening a restaurant, bakery and confectionery store. Their place of business is on the south side of the square in a commodious room and they have there all of the facilities for conducting a growing and profitable trade. They handle an excellent line of confectionery and bakery goods and in the restaurant also cater to a high-class trade, furnishing excellent meals at reasonable prices.

On the 28th of October, 1896, Mr. Martindale was united in marriage to Miss Nora Welch of this county, a daughter of Benjamin Welch. Her father came to Page county from Missouri in 1875 and here began farming. He had for a number of years previous been employed as a railway fireman but has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits since his arrival in this part of the state. He now has a well developed property, indicating in its neat and thrifty appearance the progressive spirit and careful supervision of the owner. For the past thirty-five years he has resided in Nebraska township as one of its most respected and worthy citizens and has not only been active as a farmer but also has served for a number of terms as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. To other matters relative to the public good he is equally loyal and is regarded by all as a most public-spirited citizen. Unto

Mr. and Mrs. Welch have been born five children who are yet living: Julia, Marie, Benjamin, Nora and Mina. Of this family Nora became the wife of James W. Martindale and they now have three children: Earl Welch, Donna Gladys and Carrie Belle. Mr. Martindale is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America while in his political views he is a democrat. He does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty but keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is able to support his position by intelligent argument. Those who know him in a business way find him accommodating and those whom he meets socially entertain for him warm friendship.

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#### A. C. SIMONS.

A. C. Simons, the junior partner of the firm of Gauss & Simons, is one of the enterprising and representative business men of Shenandoah, who through unfaltering energy and unwearied perseverance, has worked his way upward in the business world until he has today attained a position among the successful and prosperous citizens of the city. Born in Perry, Iowa, on the 4th of September, 1874, he is a son of Arthur E. and Sarah (Willis) Simons, natives of Connecticut and of Indiana respectively. The father removed to Indiana in his early manhood and here made the acquaintance of the lady whom he later made his wife. Ere his removal to that state, however, he had prepared himself for the ministry and continued as a minister of the Baptist church throughout his entire life. During the '60s he came to Iowa where, during his later years, he held several charges in various parts of the state. His death occurred May 28, 1904, in Hamburg, Iowa, where he was buried. His wife still survives and resides in the old home at Hamburg, where she has continued to live for twenty-one years.

Reared in a home of Christian culture and refinement, A. C. Simons acquired his early education in the public schools and later attended the Hamburg high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. He then spent one year at the Baptist College at Des Moines, Iowa, after which he took up the profession of teaching, being identified with educational work for about five years. He proved a very capable instructor, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge he had acquired, and he never ceased to be a student but continuously broadened and expanded his own information by constant reading and research. Thinking, however, to find other lines of activity more congenial and remunerative, he associated himself with mercantile interests and for five years was employed in a clerical capacity in dry-goods stores in Hamburg and Shenandoah. At the expiration of this period, in 1902, in company with Edward F. Gauss, he went to Manilla, Iowa, where they embarked in the drug business, conducting a store in that city for two and a half years. They then sold their interests there and in the fall of 1904 returned to Shenandoah, where they

opened their present pharmacy, which is recognized as one of the finest modern drug stores in southwestern Iowa. Their trade has already reached large proportions and is constantly increasing in volume and importance, while theirs is ranked among the substantial and representative enterprises of the city. Mr. Simons has also found time to engage in other lines, becoming one of the organizers and a stockholder in the Veterinary Remedy Company of this city.

On the 7th of August, 1905, occurred the marriage of Mr. Simons and Miss Anna M. Gauss, of Shenandoah, and unto this union has been born one child, Sarah Katherine. A member of the Baptist church he is actively and helpfully interested in church work, and his life has ever been in accord with its teachings. Fraternally he is a member of Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A., and also of Juniata Lodge, No. 295, K. P., and he is also connected with the Commercial Club of Shenandoah. He has given his allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and although never an office-seeker, he yet does all in his power to further its influence and insure its success. He is loyal in his citizenship, lending his influence at all times to those matters and measures which have for their object the material, intellectual and moral welfare of the community. His life has been one of continuous activity, while his business integrity and true personal worth have gained for him the honor, respect and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### J. F. MIER.

A valuable farming property on section 36, Tarkio township, pays tribute to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it by the owner and occupant, J. F. Mier, who in 1900 took up his abode upon this farm, which contains four hundred and eighty acres of Page county's rich and productive land. A native of Indiana, he was born in Jackson county, July 27, 1849. His father, Frederick Mier, was a native of Germany and attained man's estate in that country, after which he sought the opportunities offered by the freedom and appreciation of this great western world. He located in northwestern New York, near Buffalo, and afterward removed to Jackson county, Indiana, where he resided until his death, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

The public schools of his native county acquainted J. F. Mier with the branches of learning which constituted an excellent preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. He remained at home until his twentieth year and in 1869 left the parental roof for Iowa. Arriving in the fall of that year, he established his home in Page county, near Clarinda, where he began work as a farm hand. Two years later he purchased eighty acres of prairie land in Nodaway township with the proceeds of his former labor. He was ambitious to own a farm of his own and had carefully saved his earnings until the sum was sufficient to enable him to make investment in this prop-

erty. Only ten acres had been broken at that time and it was two years after he made the purchase that Mr. Mier began to farm the land. He then resolutely undertook the task of turning the first furrows in his fields and of bringing them under a high state of cultivation. He lived thereon until 1900 and in the meantime he had acquired two hundred and forty acres in addition to his original purchase and still owns two hundred acres in the home farm. In 1900 he removed to his present place, which is one of the extensive and valuable farm properties of Tarkio township, comprising four hundred and eighty acres of land which he had purchased in 1897. No equipment or accessory of a model farm is here lacking. He utilizes the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and substantial and commodious barns and sheds offer ample shelter for grain and stock. Well kept fences divide the farm into fields of convenient size and there are some fine fruit and other trees upon his place. In addition to tilling the soil for the production of his crops he has also raised stock and year by year has added to his competence until this now is a very substantial one.

In 1874 Mr. Mier was united in marriage to Miss Albertina Kirchhoff, then a resident of Page county but a native of Germany, whence she came to the United States in early womanhood. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mier were born four children, of whom three are yet living, namely: Carrie, the wife of Fred Sump, of Tarkio township; George, at home; and Charlie, also yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Mier votes with the democracy and has served on the school board but is not active in political lines, leaving official preferment to others who have more desire for it. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church and are highly respected people whose many substantial qualities have gained them firm hold on the affection of their friends and neighbors. Although Mr. Mier came to Page county a poor man, he is today the owner of six hundred and eighty acres of as valuable land as can be found in the Mississippi valley and his holdings are the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift. His example may well serve to encourage others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. His history proves that obstacles and difficulties can be overcome and that success eventually rewards intelligently directed and honest effort.

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#### FRANKLIN PIERCE BARR.

The Hillsdale Stock Farm, comprising one hundred and seventy-five acres, the greater part of which lies in Nodaway township, has been brought to its present productive and attractive state through the efforts of the owner, Franklin Pierce Barr. He was born in Union Star, Breckinridge county, Kentucky, December 6, 1852, a son of Elias and Sally (Beauchamp) Barr, who were likewise natives of Breckinridge county, the former born

December 8, 1807, and the latter on the 4th of December, 1808. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Adam Barr, who served throughout the period of the Revolutionary war. He wedded Mary Claycomb, a native of Virginia but of Pennsylvania parentage. He followed farming as a life work and both he and his wife died in Breckinridge county, his death occurring when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years and ten months, while his wife passed the century mark and died when one hundred and three years old. Their family numbered twelve children, all of whom reached years of maturity. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Jerry B. and Mary (Downum) Beauchamp, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. Each came to the United States in early life and were married in Kentucky. Mr. Beauchamp was a planter and large slaveholder of the south and served several terms in the legislature. Both he and his wife died in the Blue Grass state.

Elias Barr in early life left the south and made a location in Hancock county, Illinois, where for many years he engaged in farming. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters. The record of the sons is as follows: Daniel T., who died at the age of twelve years; Newell R., who has departed this life; Bluford B., also deceased; George W., of Dallas City, Illinois; John A., a practicing physician of Fountain Green, Illinois; and Franklin P., of this review. The daughters of the family are: Elmira A., the widow of J. W. Hurdle, and a resident of Hancock county, Illinois; Mary E., the widow of T. L. Ray and also a resident of Hancock county; Kittie A., who became the wife of S. Turney, but is now deceased; Sarah E., the widow of D. J. Wright, of Illinois; Martha J., the wife of M. T. Bross, a resident of Adams county, Iowa; and Amanda M., the wife of D. C. Showers, of Fresno, California. Both the parents are deceased, the father passing away in Hancock county, Illinois, on the 18th of July, 1875, when he had reached the age of sixty-eight years, while the mother survived for a number of years and died in Adams county, Iowa, May 1, 1892, when she had reached the very advanced age of eighty-four years.

Franklin Pierce Barr was a little lad of six years when he was taken by his parents from his native state to Hancock county, Illinois, so that he was practically reared in the latter state, where his education was acquired, his studies being completed in La Harpe Academy and Carthage College, graduating from the latter institution in 1873. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-eight years of age and during this time, when not engaged in study, assisted in the work of the homestead property. He then went to Bates county, Missouri, and remained one year, after which he returned to Illinois and married Miss Flora M. Painter, their wedding ceremony being performed on the 8th of February, 1880. She was born in Hancock county, May 7, 1860, a daughter of H. R. and Jane (Dawson) Painter, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Kentucky, while both departed this life in Illinois.

Having thus assumed the responsibilities of a home Mr. Barr immediately removed with his bride to Page county, Iowa, where he has lived

to the present time. He purchased his farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, one hundred and twenty acres of which is located on section 35, Nodaway township, while the balance is located on section 3, Harlan township, within two miles of Clarinda. When Mr. Barr took possession of this property there were but forty acres fit for cultivation, the remainder being covered with timber. He cleared the land, made all of the improvements, including a good country residence, barn and other outbuildings, and the place is now known as the Hillsdale Stock Farm. In addition to carrying on general farming and dairying Mr. Barr also raises thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Percheron and French draft horses, having twenty-two head at the present time. He also raises and feeds cattle on quite an extensive scale and in all departments of his business is meeting with success. In addition to his home farm he also has one hundred and sixty acres of pine and oak timber in Polk county, Arkansas. All that he now owns has been acquired through his economy and careful management, for he started in the business world like most young men, without capital.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Barr has been blessed with three sons and one daughter, Henry E., Frank E., Louis E. and Lillian P., all still under the parental roof. Mr. Barr is a republican in politics but finds little time for active participation in public affairs. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Clarinda, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man of influence in the community in which he has so long made his home and today occupies a notable position among the farmers and stock raisers of southwestern Iowa.

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### CHARLES BEAUCHAMP.

Charles Beauchamp, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Amity township, is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 14. He was born in Davis county, Iowa, on the 16th of June, 1864, his parents being Nathan and Mary Alvira (Mallory) Beauchamp, the former of German lineage and the latter of Yankee stock. In the late '50s they removed from the vicinity of Terre Haute, Indiana, to Davis county, Iowa, where the father purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. The year 1876 witnessed their arrival in Page county, Iowa, the family home being established on a farm two and a half miles east of Clarinda. On taking up his abode in this county Nathan Beauchamp purchased a tract of land comprising forty-nine acres and later bought forty acres more adjoining. It was all covered with timber and he had to clear a site on which to erect his dwelling. A man of determined spirit and unfaltering energy, he resolutely set to work and as the years passed by brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement, continuing to make his home on this farm until called to his final rest. He became well known as a most enterprising and progressive citizen of the

community and his demise, which occurred on the 25th of December, 1899, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. At the time of his death he had attained the age of sixty-eight years, five months and four days. His widow still survives and at the present time makes her home in Clarinda, Page county.

Charles Beauchamp spent his youthful days on the home farm, in the cultivation of which he ably assisted his father when not busy with his text-books. He first attended the district schools and when seventeen years of age spent one year in the Clarinda high school. Subsequently he worked by the month as a farm hand until the time of his marriage, after which he was successfully engaged in the operation of rented land for a number of years. In 1906 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Amity township, Page county, on which he has since continued to reside and in the cultivation of which he has won a commendable and well merited degree of prosperity. In addition to raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also feeds good graded cattle, hogs and sheep and both branches of his business return to him a gratifying annual income. His farm is all rolling land, well watered and drained, and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In 1887 Mr. Beauchamp was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Patton, a daughter of Thomas and Rose (Glasgow) Patton, who at that time were living two and a half miles east of Clarinda, Page county. Mr. Patton passed away in 1903 but is still survived by his widow, who now resides in Tarkio, Missouri. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp have been born four children, namely: Wilbur, a young man of twenty years; Orvil, eighteen years of age; Harry, who is seventeen years old; and Vesta, five years of age. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Beauchamp gives unfaltering allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and is a stanch advocate of its principles. Both he and his wife are consistent and devoted members of the United Presbyterian church at College Springs, Iowa, while his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen camp at Braddyville, Iowa. They have an extensive circle of friends throughout the county in which they have now long resided and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended to them.

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#### E. J. ANDREWS.

E. J. Andrews, merchant and proprietor of the largest department store in Shenandoah, was born in Albert Lee, Minnesota, August 15, 1868, the son of Clark and Louise Ann (Pitcher) Andrews. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of New York state, but both went to Minnesota with their respective parents and there grew to maturity, were married and resided until 1870, when they removed to Maryville, Missouri. There they have since made their home. Mr. Andrews, Sr., during his



active life was engaged in the real estate business, but of recent years has put aside all such cares, for he has reached his seventy-fifth mile-stone on life's journey and is now living retired. His wife is four years his junior. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Baptist church of Maryville, of which he was one of the organizers.

To the influences that surrounded his early years at home and in the little town of Maryville, E. J. Andrews owes the foundation of the success which he has won in the years of his maturity. He passed through the grammar and high schools of his home town, graduating from the latter with the class of 1883. In 1886 he entered, as a clerk, a dry-goods store in Maryville, where he acquired the experience and knowledge that paved the way for his future mercantile operations. For some six or seven years he worked there intermittently and then went into the wholesale fruit business, to which he devoted his energies for perhaps four years. In 1897 he came to Shenandoah and opened a dry-goods store in the Bogart block. Three years later his business had outgrown his quarters and he moved into a building put up for him by E. Read, the store now occupied by S. Goldberg & Son, but in two years this also had become too small for his constantly increasing trade, and he removed into the building vacated by the Blackaller Company, which concern had failed after an existence of barely two years with a loss of about twenty-five thousand dollars. Since his occupation of these premises in 1902 Mr. Andrews has built up a much more extensive business and is now the leading merchant of the city. He has added to the store a large shoe department, an important carpet department, and a ladies' ready-to-wear department; carries a stock of some seventy-five thousand dollars value and in regular seasons employs twenty persons. In short, Mr. Andrews' is the largest department store in southern Iowa.

Mr. Andrews is a member of the Commercial Club and finds time in the midst of his business cares to attend the meetings of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, to the local lodges of which he belongs. In politics he votes with the republican party but has shown no desire to accept any public office, and yet he is a public-spirited man, considering the best interests of the city as his interests. His success while phenomenal is due to his own efforts, and Shenandoah is the more prosperous for his enterprise.

On the 19th of September, 1897, Mr. Andrews was united in wedlock to Miss Emily Oliver, a niece of the ex-governor of Missouri.

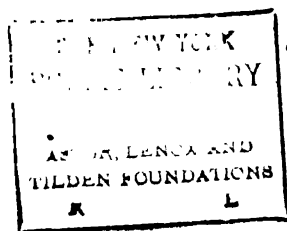
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#### H. W. SCALES, M. D.

Dr. H. W. Scales, who for more than a quarter of a century has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine, was born in Taylorsville, Indiana, December 22, 1853, a son of Wilson and Martha (Spladley) Scales, natives of Indiana, where their entire lives were spent. The father was a



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grocer and farmer by occupation and passed away at the age of seventy-three years in Booneville. His wife, who still survives, makes her home in that city. In their family were three sons: H. W., of this review; Travis D., a farmer and coal operator of Booneville, Indiana; and William E., who died when eight years of age.

Reared in Indiana, Dr. H. W. Scales was but four years of age when he removed with his parents to Pike county, that state, where he acquired his preliminary education in the district schools, remaining upon the home farm until nineteen years of age. His father, realizing how much of success in business depends upon a good education, then took his two sons to Booneville, Indiana, where they might receive better educational privileges than those offered at home. In the course of time Dr. H. W. Scales was graduated from the high school of that place and then, in 1873, took up the study of medicine in the office of and under the direction of Drs. Scales and Tyner, of Booneville. After three years devoted to the study of the fundamental principles of medicine, he entered, in 1876, the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, where, on the 28th of February, 1879, he received his M. D. degree. Immediately upon his graduation from that institution he opened an office in Springfield, Indiana, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for three years.

At the expiration of that period he came to Yorktown, Page county, Iowa. At the time of his arrival the district was still wild prairie land, upon which stood little more than the railroad station. Undaunted, however, by the unfavorable outlook, Dr. Scales opened an office for the general practice of medicine and continued to make this his place of residence until 1890. Throughout that period he was the only physician in his locality, and as the years passed and the little town progressed his practice expanded in proportion until at the time of his removal he was enjoying a large and constantly growing patronage. In 1890, however, he returned to Booneville, Indiana, where he engaged in general practice for fourteen years. May 17, 1904, witnessed his second arrival in Yorktown, which, during the years of his absence, had grown from a small village to a flourishing and progressive town. His long connection with the profession has given him a wide, practical experience, while he has constantly sought to extend his knowledge by further reading and research. He keeps abreast of the improvements being instituted in the professional world through his membership in the Page County Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the State Medical Association, and whatever tends to furnish a key to the mystery which we call life is of deep interest to him.

On the 19th of March, 1877, Dr. Scales was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Gast, a daughter of Wendall and Lana Gast, natives of Germany. She was born in Booneville, Indiana, on the 8th of June, 1858, and by her marriage to Dr. Scales has become the mother of one son, Welby Earl, born March 18, 1886, in Yorktown, Iowa. He is now married and is successfully engaged in the lumber business in Booneville, Indiana.

Fraternally Dr. Scales is connected with the Woodmen of the World and also with the Court of Honor, holding his membership in Booneville, In-

diana. He gives his political support to the democratic party, but neither seeks nor desires office, the duties of his profession occupying his entire time and attention. He is conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his professional services, fully realizing and appreciating the responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection, while at all times he adheres to a high standard of professional ethics, enjoying in large measure the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### BURTON VORSE COLE.

Burton Vorse Cole is one of the substantial and progressive young business men of Shenandoah, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Shenandoah Hosiery mills. His birth occurred in Van Buren county, Michigan, October 25, 1880. His father, Harrison Vorse, was accidentally killed in the Michigan pineries when his son was but six months old and he was adopted by J. L. Cole, of Fremont county, Iowa, who had reared his mother to womanhood. Mr. Cole came to Iowa from Michigan in 1866 and located upon a farm in Fremont county, where he resided until 1880, when he took up his abode in the city of Shenandoah, making it his place of residence until his death in 1894.

Burt Cole, for so he is known throughout the city and county where he has always resided, was educated in the public schools of Shenandoah and in the Lincoln Business College, of Lincoln, Nebraska, being there graduated with the class of 1901. After the completion of his commercial course he secured a position as bookkeeper with the Barnet Lumber Company, of McCook, Nebraska, there remaining for a year. In the spring of 1902, however, he returned home and went to work upon the farm belonging to his adopted father, continuing its cultivation for five years. In 1907 he came to Shenandoah and entered the drug store of Webster & Company, in which he had owned an interest since 1898. For two years he gave his time to the management of the drug business, having a well appointed establishment to which was accorded a gratifying trade. On the 1st of June, 1909, Mr. Cole sold his drug business and became connected with the Shenandoah Hosiery Mills as above stated.

On the 4th of November, 1902, Mr. Cole was united in marriage to Miss Vena Clarke, a daughter of Christopher Columbus and Martha (Lea) Clarke. Her paternal grandparents were David and Eliza (Russell) Clarke, natives of Washington and Green counties, Kentucky, respectively. The former was born in 1799 and was a son and grandson of Revolutionary soldiers, his grandfather being Captain John Clarke of the Virginia line. In the pioneer times of southern Illinois David Clarke removed with his family to McDonough county, that state, his first home being a little log cabin. He continued to reside there throughout his remaining days and after the death of his wife, in 1875, made his home with his children until he passed away in November, 1883, at the age of eighty-four years.

He was known throughout that section of the state as "Uncle David" Clarke, and was an unique and interesting figure on the streets of Macomb, continuing to his last days to wear a silk hat and a heavy gray blanket shawl, as was the custom of his earlier years. He was for many years justice of the peace in the town. Unto him and his wife were born a large family of children, but only four are now living: Mrs. Margaret Marietta Chapman, of Los Angeles, California; C. C. Clarke, of Springdale, Arkansas; S. J. Clarke, of Chicago; and Mrs. Anna Eliza Chapman, also of Los Angeles, California. C. C. Clarke, the father of Mrs. Cole, was born in Macomb in 1839 and is now seventy-eight years of age. He lived for many years in his native town and afterward removed to Bentonville, Arkansas, where for some time he conducted a grocery store. He is now carrying on a fruit farm near Springdale, Arkansas. He married Martha Lea and they had eight children: Damon, who is married and resides in Little Rock, Arkansas; Gertie, who died in early womanhood; Carrie, at home; Edith Marie, the wife of Dr. Charles Forrest Perkins, of Springdale, Arkansas; W. Lea, who is with the S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, of Chicago; Jessie May, the wife of Harry Risteen, who is living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Charles, who is married and resides in Springdale; and Vena, now Mrs. Cole, the youngest of the family. It was while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Perkins, then living in Shenandoah, Iowa, that she met and married Mr. Cole. Unto them have been born four children, of whom three are living: Richard V., Ross C. and Catherine. The family occupies a pleasant home at No. 120 East Grand avenue. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cole are well known in Shenandoah and their interest in and talent along musical lines has made them popular in homes where a love of music is a characteristic feature.

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#### JOHN WAGENER.

Among the retired citizens of Yorktown who in former years were identified with the farming interests of Page county may be numbered John Wagener. Born in Holstein, Germany, July 12, 1836, his parents were John and Lucy Marie (Neehlsen) Wagener, who spent their entire lives in their native land. They reared a family of three sons: Hans, a retired farmer living in Yorktown; Nicholas, who passed away in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and John, of this review. There is also one son of a former marriage of the father, Jurgen Wagener, who still lives in Germany.

John Wagener of this review was reared and educated in his native land and was there married in 1864, to Miss Margaret Plöhn, who was likewise born in Holstein, her natal year being 1838. Foreseeing no future in Germany and having heard and read about the freedom and opportunity for advancement in the new world, Mr. Wagener had, prior to his marriage, made arrangements for emigrating to the United States and immediately thereafter he and his bride crossed the Atlantic. They made a location in

Joliet, Illinois, where Mr. Wagener spent nine years working at the painter's trade, having learned the same before coming to America. Believing that the west offered better opportunities, he then made his way to Red Oak, in Montgomery county, Iowa, and settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he purchased. He eventually disposed of that land and bought two hundred and forty acres in Tarkio township. Page county, which he farmed about six years, when he sold his property and removed to Yorktown, where he has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

It was while Mr. and Mrs. Wagener were residing in Joliet that three children were born to them, these being George John, a resident of Oregon; Olga, the wife of John Bruce, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Martha, the wife of Robert Docker, of Red Oak, Iowa. The mother of this family passed away in Joliet, and in 1878 Mr. Wagener was again married, his second union being with Barbara Schok, a native of Germany, while his present wife bore the maiden name of Anna Spangenberg. Her birth occurred in Joliet, Illinois, February 18, 1856, and she still survives.

Independent in politics, Mr. Wagener votes for the men whom he deems best qualified for public office, regardless of party ties. He has served as a member of the village council for the past nine years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, in which he is acting as a deacon. In former years Mr. Wagener spent a busy, useful and active life, and now he and his estimable wife are enjoying in retirement the accumulations of profitable, successful and honorable careers, being numbered among the best citizens of Yorktown and Page county.

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#### WILLIAM A. HENDERSON.

William A. Henderson was for twenty years successfully engaged in the drug trade in Clarinda but since 1904 has devoted his attention to the purchase and sale of lands in Kansas, Colorado, Idaho and Canada. His birth occurred in Louisa county, Iowa, on the 1st of March, 1861, his parents being William J. and Martha J. Henderson, the former a farmer by occupation. After completing the high school course at Columbus Junction, Mr. Henderson of this review served a three years' clerkship in a drug store and in 1882 started out as a pharmacist on his own account, opening a drug store at West Branch, Iowa. In 1884 he established himself in business as a druggist of Clarinda, conducting his store there for twenty years or until 1904, when he sold out, having accumulated a handsome competence. Since retiring from the drug trade he has devoted his time and energies to the purchase and sale of lands in Kansas, Colorado, Idaho and Canada, laid out an addition of fourteen blocks of Akron, Colorado, and has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

On the 23d of February, 1882, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Limbocker, of Columbus Junction, Iowa, a daughter of J. Simeon Limbocker, who was a farmer by occupation. They have one daughter, Gertrude Oveda, who is a high school graduate and also pursued a course of study in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. She is now at home.

Politically Mr. Henderson gives unfaltering allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party. He labored effectively to advance the cause of education during his nine years' term of service as a member of the school board, acting as president of the board for two years of that time. He was likewise one of the organizers and on the first board of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly and his efforts have ever been an important factor in the upbuilding and development of the community along many lines. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias and he was trustee of the state organization of the last-named order for three years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he is deeply and helpfully interested. For a quarter of a century he has now been numbered among the leading and representative citizens of Page county, being highly esteemed for his sterling worth and as a promoter of all that tends to advance the general welfare.

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#### CHARLES M. FLEMING.

Charles M. Fleming, carrying on general farming on section 10, Harlan township, is a native of Missouri, his birth having occurred in Platt county, that state, on the 22d of September, 1853. He was the eldest in a family of four children born unto Thomas and Jane (McFarland) Fleming, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. They were married, however, in Missouri and unto them were born three sons and a daughter: Charles M.; Delia, the wife of R. B. Flowers, of Watertown, Illinois; Frank, who is living in Taylor county, Iowa; and Edmund, who resides near his brother Charles. The father passed away September 6, 1893, at the age of sixty-seven years and the mother died August 14, 1909, in Clarinda, at the age of seventy-five years.

Charles M. Fleming was not a year old when his parents left Missouri and came to Page county in 1854, where he has lived during the greater part of his life. The family home was first established at the edge of Taylor county near the Page county line and he continued under the parental roof until his marriage, when he started out in life for himself. He had acquired a good common-school education and had received ample training in the work of the farm, for from early boyhood he had assisted in the labors of the field. After he began farming on his own account he cultivated rented land for a number of years and then purchased his present farm in March, 1902. The place comprises one hundred and seventy-



two acres of land on section 10, Harlan township, and the soil, naturally rich and productive, responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. At one time he was engaged in the livery business in Clarinda, conducting the enterprise from 1883 until 1893, but, with the exception of that period, has always given his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

On the 10th of October, 1889, Mr. Fleming completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Maggie McCunn, who was born in Page county, Iowa, April 3, 1868, and died April 6, 1907, her death being deeply mourned by many friends as well as her immediate family. She was a daughter of John and Harriet (Elder) McCunn, who were natives of Pennsylvania and were pioneer settlers of this county. The father died in 1882, but the mother now resides three miles west of Clarinda. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were born four children, but one daughter, Margaret, died at the age of seven and a half months. Those still living are Gladys, Warren and Elizabeth.

Politically Mr. Fleming is a republican, giving support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as trustee of Harlan township for one term but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to the Presbyterian church of Clarinda and is a cooperant factor in the work of the church and in every measure for the progress and upbuilding of the community.

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#### CLARENCE E. BLAIR.

Clarence E. Blair is the secretary of the firm of Loran & Company, conducting a business in farm loans, insurance and abstracts at Clarinda. He was born in Chenoa, Illinois, on the 4th of July, 1873, a son of Leander V. and Martha L. (McGahon) Blair. In 1888 the family home was established in Clarinda, where Leander V. Blair, who was a miller by trade, had charge of the City Mills. He is now living retired in Clarinda, where both he and his wife still make their home, being numbered among the most highly esteemed and respected residents of the community. The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: M. Gertrude, who is a teacher in the high school at Clarinda, Iowa; Frank L., who was reared in Clarinda but is now living in Creston, Iowa, where he is engaged in the conduct of a drug store; Effie L., the wife of Thomas L. Brown, of Clarinda; John S., the secretary of the Duluth Elevator Company; and Cecil C., who is connected with the Monarch Elevator Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the acquirement of an education Clarence E. Blair first attended the public schools of his native town and following the removal of the family to Clarinda he continued his studies here. After putting aside his textbooks he worked in the flouring mill with his father for about two and a half years and was then made assistant postmaster, capably discharging the duties of that office for four and a half years. Subsequently he was

identified with the Green Bay Lumber Company at Clarinda for two years and was then employed in Weil's clothing store for three years. On the expiration of that period he was made deputy county clerk and on retiring from the office at the end of two years he acquired an interest in the Loran Company, becoming a partner in the concern. On the incorporation of the enterprise on the 1st of January, 1906, under the name Loran & Company, Mr. Blair was made secretary and has since continued to act in that capacity. The firm is an old one, having been established in 1874, and does an extensive business in farm loans, insurance and abstracts. They have the exclusive agency for loans for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, in Page and Taylor counties. Mr. Blair is likewise the secretary of the Page County Building & Loan Association and is widely recognized as one of the leading, substantial and representative citizens of the county.

Fraternally Mr. Blair is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Masons and for two years has served as secretary of the local lodge of the latter organization. He is likewise a valued and prominent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been trustee for four years, while for six years he was secretary of the Sunday school. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

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#### J. B. SUTTON.

J. B. Sutton, the local editor of the Shenandoah World, is a well known and popular representative of journalistic interests in Page county. He was born in La Harpe, Illinois, on the 10th of July 1878, a son of Dr. R. H. Sutton, who was a successful medical practitioner. In 1884 the parents located on a farm near Shenandoah, Iowa, and the following year the family home was established in that city. Mr. Sutton, of this review, was graduated from the Shenandoah public schools in 1895 and subsequently entered Tabor College at Tabor, Iowa, completing the course in that institution in 1899.

On starting out in life on his own account he first worked in a clerical capacity for a time and then became local editor of the Shenandoah World, being thus connected with the paper for three years. During the following two years he acted as manager of the Shenandoah Knitting Mills. In February, 1909, he again became identified with the Shenandoah World in the capacity of local editor, in which position he has since remained.

Politically Mr. Sutton is a stalwart advocate of the democracy, never failing to cast his ballot in support of its men and measures. For five years he served as second lieutenant of Company E, Fifty-fifth Regiment of Iowa National Guards. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the Consistory at Des Moines and also to the blue lodge and

chapter at Shenandoah. He is likewise identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Shenandoah. His aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further every movement calculated to benefit the community and he enjoys the high regard and esteem of an extensive circle of friends.

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#### CHARLES NORTON MARVIN.

Charles Norton Marvin, the editor and principal stockholder of the *Sentinel Post*, published at Shenandoah, is well entitled to prominent mention in this volume as a leading representative of journalistic interests in Page county. He was born at East Orange, Delaware county, Ohio, on the 24th of September, 1857, a son of William Perry and Harriet Brewster (Hamlin) Marvin. On the paternal side he traces his ancestry back to Raynolde Marvin, of Harwich, England, who was born in 1514 and died in 1561. In the maternal line he can trace his ancestry back to Captain Giles Hamlin, born in England in 1662, who was a mariner for fifty years. He emigrated to America with the Puritans, settling in Connecticut. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of our subject participated in the Revolutionary war. Major Ephraim Marvin served as captain and afterward as major in Colonel Field's regiment during the struggle for independence.

In 1859 William Perry Marvin, the father of Charles N. Marvin, brought his family to Johnson county, Iowa. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company I, Twenty-second Iowa Infantry, and was killed in the charge on the Confederate works at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the 22d of May, 1863. His body was interred among the unknown dead in the National Cemetery at Vicksburg. His widow was afterward again married, becoming the wife of Lysander Taylor in 1866.

Charles Norton Marvin was reared in the usual manner of farm lads and attended the common schools near Westerville, Ohio, where his mother had taken up her abode after the death of her first husband. He supplemented his preliminary education by a high school course, spending three years in the town schools at Rock Creek, Ohio, and Marshalltown, Iowa. He continued to reside on the home farm until seventeen years of age and early in life manifested a fondness for reading. After completing his own education he taught school for five years and then became identified with newspaper work, with which line of activity he has since been connected. His first position of this character was with a concern publishing an educational journal known as the *Iowa Teacher*, which subsequently failed. He afterward became connected with *The Star* at Union, Iowa, acting as its editor for a year and a half, on the expiration of which period he began the publication of the *Sentinel* at Shenandoah, the first copy of which was issued on the 25th of November, 1887. On the 1st of April, 1905, the *Sentinel* was consolidated with the *Shenandoah Post* and the paper has since

been known as the Sentinel Post, Mr. Marvin being its editor and principal stockholder. He owns the building in which the journal is published and has long been numbered among the most prosperous, influential and progressive citizens of the county.

On the 28th of June, 1884, Mr. Marvin was joined in wedlock to Miss Bertha L. McCausland, of Neodesha, Kansas. They have one living child, Merze, who is now a stenographer in the office of the state auditor at Des Moines.

Mr. Marvin gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for eight and a half years held the office of postmaster at Shenandoah under the administrations of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. For two years, from 1907 to 1909, he acted as president of the board of trustees of the Shenandoah public library. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is not a member of any church but leans toward the Methodist Episcopal faith. He meets the obligations of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, a right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities and has won the respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### FREDERICK FISCHER.

There has been no election perhaps in the history of Page county that has been more fully the expression of popular approval and confidence than that which made Frederick Fischer county attorney, calling him to the office as the advocate of the democratic party in a county whose normal republican vote is as two to one. Such is the demand at the present time for honest government and for upright, faithful and capable service.

Mr. Fischer was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, November 3, 1869, his birthplace being a little log cabin on a farm belonging to his parents, Louis and Mary (Friess) Fischer. In both the paternal and maternal lines the ancestors were Germans. Louis Fischer was born under the rule of the kaiser in 1826 and came to this country in the fall of 1852, settling in St. Clair county, Illinois. There he worked for several years as a farm hand and later acquired a farm in that county, becoming owner of two hundred acres, which he carefully tilled and cultivated until 1881, when he disposed of his property in Illinois and removed to Iowa, settling in Grant township, Page county. The previous year he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land while on a visit to his brother-in-law in this county, and after taking up his abode on this property he continued to add to his possessions from time to time as his financial resources permitted until he became one of the extensive landowners of this part of the state, his holdings embracing eleven hundred and twenty acres, all in one

body in Grant township. No finer land could be found in Iowa and through its development and cultivation his annual income was materially increased. He has since divided some of his property among his children but still owns large interests, including his home farm, which is three and one-half miles east of Shenandoah. Unto him and his wife were born five children who are yet living: Anna, who is attending Drake University; Ida M., at home; John Henry and Ernest A., who are resident farmers of this county; and Frederick.

Frederick Fischer spent his youthful days on his father's farms in Illinois and in Iowa, being a lad of twelve years at the time of their removal to this state. His literary education was acquired in the district schools of the two states and in the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. Under the parental roof two lessons were early impressed upon his mind, to tell the truth and to respect the rights of others. His parent's native tongue was used in the home and it was not until he entered school that he began to learn English. After he had completed his scientific course in the Western Normal College there came an interim of four years when he had much trouble with his eyes and because of this fact could no longer study but spent the time on a farm. Later he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and on the completion of the regular course was graduated with the class of 1898. The same year he was admitted to the bar at Lansing, Michigan. Returning to his home in Page county he passed the required examination and on the 5th of October was admitted to practice in the Iowa courts.

Mr. Fischer at once opened an office in Shenandoah and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. Here he has succeeded and in November, 1898, his fellow townsmen gave substantial proof of their belief in his ability and the confidence reposed in his official integrity by calling him to the office of county attorney. He was the first democrat elected to the office in Page county since 1861, receiving a majority of three hundred and seventy-nine—a vote which was highly complimentary owing to the fact that the republican vote is almost double the democratic vote in this district. He carried every precinct in the county with the exception of six and in five other precincts he polled the highest of any candidate of either party. His father had been a life-long republican but in early manhood Frederick Fischer began studying the political questions, issues and conditions, noted the abuses in the party and turned his support to the democracy, with which he has since been connected. His record has justified the confidence reposed in him, for he is using his professional skill and knowledge for the best interests of the county in upholding the standards of law and order.

On the 17th of June, 1905, Mr. Fischer was married to Miss Helen E. Field, of Shenandoah, a daughter of S. E. Field, now a resident of Highland, California, and formerly a representative from this district. Unto this marriage have been born two children, Gretchen and Helen Marie. Mr. Fischer is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.;

Sheshbazzar Chapter No. 82, R. A. M. and Shenandoah Chapter, No. 81, of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., and with the Unitarian church. He is not a politician in the sense of office seeking although he is now one of the county's officials, but he is a believer in good government and will work for interests of that character. He is therefore striving to give acceptable service to the office of county attorney and his record is most commendable.

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### JOSEPH S. TUNNICLIFF.

Iowa with its splendid agricultural possibilities offers excellent opportunity to him who wishes to earn his living by the tilling of the soil. Washington has said that "Agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of men," and history gives evidence of the fact that it is the basis of all success. Devoting his time and energies in successful manner to the cultivation and improvement of a farm, Joseph S. Tunnicliff has become one of the progressive and prominent citizens of Grant township, where he owns two hundred acres of excellent land.

He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on the 18th of January, 1845, a son of Edward and Sarah (Cooper) Tunnicliff, both natives of Derbyshire, England, where they were reared and married. In 1841 they came to the United States, locating in East Liverpool, where the father, a potter by trade, was employed in the potteries for a short time. He then went to Zanesville, Ohio, where he engaged in this business on his own account, establishing potteries at that place. In 1855 he removed to Kewanee, Illinois, where he resided for about two years, moving thence to Hampton, that state, where he followed his trade for a short time. Within a year, however, his potteries burned down and he returned to Kewanee, in which city he made his residence until called to his final rest, March 16, 1902, when eighty-nine years of age. The mother, although in good health at the time of her husband's demise passed away eight days later, while in her eighty-fourth year. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Spending the period of his boyhood and early youth under the parental roof, Joseph S. Tunnicliff acquired his education in the common schools and as early as his fifteenth year he began working on his own account, being employed as a clerk in a mercantile establishment for three or four years. In 1864, in response to his country's call for more troops, he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war for one hundred days' service, becoming a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry. In February, 1865, he reenlisted for a year as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and after a most creditable military record was discharged in December, 1865. He had seen considerable active service, participating in many hard-fought battles and skirmishes, among them being the battle of Spanish Fort in Alabama.

When his country no longer needed his services he returned home and on the 16th of September, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Minnick, of Kewanee, Illinois.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tunnicliff resided upon a farm near Kewanee, which he operated for three years as a renter. In the spring of 1872 he came to Page county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land, making a first payment of one hundred and fifty dollars. This constituted the nucleus of his present fine farm, and upon this tract of eighty acres stands the present family residence, a comfortable and attractive dwelling. From time to time Mr. Tunnicliff added to his farm until his place today consists of two hundred acres all lying in one body, located on section 35, Grant township. It is a finely improved property, equipped with all of the modern conveniences and accessories that go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. He carries on general farming and his efforts in this direction have met with substantial success, and he is ranked among the prominent, well known and progressive agriculturists of Grant township.

As the years have come and gone the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tunnicliff has been blessed with fourteen children, ten of whom reached mature years. Eight are now living, namely: William, residing in Castle Rock, Colorado; Alice, the wife of Lawrence E. Pennewell, of Stoughton, Wisconsin; Edward, a resident of Grant township, this county; Lida, who married Lewis L. Hunter, of Castle Rock, Colorado; Berton, making his home in Grant township; Joseph, of Morton township, Page county; Harry, who operates the home farm; and Fred, employed in a bank at Elliott, Iowa.

The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly esteemed throughout the community, while they occupy a prominent place in the social circles of Grant township. Mr. Tunnicliff gives staunch support to the republican party but he has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty. He is, however, deeply and helpfully interested in the cause of education and served for many years as treasurer of the school board. He has made steady advancement in his life, not only in its successful accomplishment but also in matters of citizenship, gaining at the same time the favorable regard of all who know him. He is a man of marked strength of character, genial disposition and genuine worth and has the unqualified respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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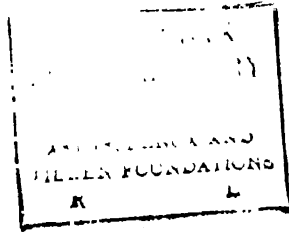
#### ALEXANDER HARRIS.

One of the substantial residents of Coin, Iowa, is Alexander Harris, who has retired from the active pursuit of farming though he still owns ten hundred and eighty acres of land in Washington township. He was born September 1, 1837, in McDonough, Illinois, and is the son of Alexander and Maritia (Creal) Harris. Both parents were natives of Kentucky, but



**MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER HARRIS**





the maternal grandparents, Durham and Margaret Creal were born in Maryland, and the paternal grandparents, Alexander and Mary (Crawford) Harris, claimed Virginia as their native state. The parents of the subject of this sketch shortly after their marriage started to Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1862, and the mother a few years later. Besides Alexander they were the parents of James R. and Durham, both deceased; John, who lives in Colorado; George, whose home is in Missouri; William Wallace, of Bardolph, Illinois; Martin, of College Springs, Iowa; James, a resident of Northboro, Iowa; Mary, the wife of William Edmundson, of Bardolph, Illinois; and Rosella who married Benjamin Smith of the same place.

The school facilities of McDonough county, when Mr. Harris was of an age to partake of them, were of the crudest, the nearest schoolhouse being four miles away, and that constructed of logs with slabs for flooring. In consequence the formal education that he received was very meager, and he has had to rely upon an apt mind and hard experience to give him that preparation for the problems of life that are now less severe than they were in the early days, just subsequent to the times of the pioneers. At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Harris enlisted as a member of Company L, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, but had been in the service but a short time when he was taken sick and sent home for six weeks. He returned to the front, but was again taken sick and was this time discharged from service, in the spring of 1862.

Seven years later Mr. Harris left Illinois and came to Iowa, finally locating in Washington township, Page county, which was his home to within the past two years, when he retired from farming and moved to Coin. When he came here there was not a house where the flourishing towns of Shenandoah and Coin now are, and it was only after having traveled extensively through the state that he finally decided that Washington township offered the best inducements in the way of land. The years have justified his decision for he has been very successful. He pursued general agriculture, without specializing in anything, though he engaged to some extent in buying and feeding stock, a phase of his business he did not relinquish when he retired from the active life of a farmer. On June 26, 1875, Mr. Harris had an experience with a cyclone that he will not soon forget, as it carried away his house, and compelled his family to live in a shanty until another could be built. In the course of his long life Mr. Harris has built six houses, a fine one for himself, and five for those who have been tenants of his.

On the 13th of September, 1872, Mr. Harris was married to Miss Matilda Spiker, the daughter of William and Caroline (Vincent) Spiker. The parents removed from New York state to Indiana, and from there to Terre Haute, Illinois, where they conducted a hotel for a number of years. The father enlisted at the time of the Civil war, but was away from home only a year when he was taken sick and died. Mrs. Harris was the oldest of a large family, the others being: Isaac, of Griswold, Iowa; Oscar, whose home is in Kansas City, Missouri; Sylvia, deceased, who was the wife of

William Chapman; Lincoln, who lives in Dakota; and Wilhelmina, the wife of Alfred Swinson, who lives in California. Mrs. Spiker married again, her second husband being John Thomas, and they had one son, Henry, who lives in Kansas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harris have been born the following children: Ruby, the eldest, now deceased, was the wife of Sam Gibson and the mother of two children, Lura and Orville, the former of whom is being reared and educated by her grandfather Harris. Lewis Allen married Cora Applegate, who has borne him three children—Mildred, Russell, and Helen. Loy Elvin married Mabel Millen and lives on his father's farm. Melvina, became the wife of Judson Turner and is the mother of a son, Weldon Harris. Arthur Garfield married Mabel Washburn, and they have one daughter, Vera, and an adopted son, Harold. Eunice Etta married Edgar Frazier, of Westboro. Elmer Alexander is a farmer in Page county, Iowa.

Mr. Harris is the vice president of the First National Bank of Northboro. In political matters his support is given to the republican party and while on the farm he was a member of the township school board. Early in life he joined the Presbyterian church but on coming to Page county he became a member of the Methodist church, in which organization the members of his family are also enrolled.

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#### CHARLEY A. WILLIAMS.

Charley A. Williams, who for thirty-eight years has lived in Page county, where he now owns and cultivates one hundred acres on section 5, Nodaway township, was born in Cornwall, England, September 3, 1866. His parents were John and Emma (Rogers) Williams, also natives of Cornwall, the former born in 1826 and the latter on the 4th of May, 1829. They were reared, educated and married in their native land and about 1867 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling near Racine, Wisconsin, where they lived for four years. On the expiration of that period they came to Page county, Iowa, in 1871 and took up their abode on a farm in Valley township, a mile west of Hepburn. It was a tract of raw prairie at that time but, with firm purpose and unfaltering energy, the father took up the task of improving the place and as the years went by he converted the wild land into productive fields. He also added to his holdings from time to time until he became the owner of eight hundred acres but later disposed of much of this to his children.

His family numbered four sons and four daughters: William John, who resides in Valley township; J. C., who is living in Douglas township; Anna, who became the wife of James Dyke and died in Kansas; Jennie, the wife of E. M. Fleenor, also living in Valley township; Carrie, the wife of Ed Bolen, of Valley township; Charley A.; Ernest, who likewise is a resident of Valley township; and Minnie, the wife of Frank McNeil of the same township.

Charley A. Williams was only a year old when his parents bade adieu to the land of their birth and sailed over the broad Atlantic to the new world. He came with them to Page county when a little lad of five years and was reared in Valley township on a farm. At the usual age he entered the public schools and through the winter months mastered the branches of learning taught in his home locality, while in the summer months he did such work as his years and strength qualified him for. Later his entire life was devoted to the development and improvement of the farm and he continued to live with his parents until thirty-five years old, when he purchased his present farm. This comprises one hundred acres of land on section 5, Nodaway township. In the midst of well tilled fields stands a good residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, so that the farm presents an excellent appearance owing to the improvements he has made upon it and in the well kept condition of the fields, which are devoted to the raising of the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate.

On the 9th of May, 1900, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Sunderman, who was born in Douglas township, Page county, on the 30th of April, 1867, and is a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Fosbrink) Sunderman. The father, who was born in Hanover, Germany, October 14, 1834, went to Jackson county, Indiana, with his parents when four years of age. In 1854 he removed westward to Page county, Iowa, and entered from the government a tract of wild prairie. He then returned to Indiana, where he was married in 1858 to Miss Sophia Fosbrink, and with his bride he once more came to this state. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and, making judicious investment in land from time to time, was the owner of over fourteen hundred acres at the time of his death. This was all well stocked and improved with several sets of buildings upon it. His widow, who was born in Jackson county, Indiana, February 15, 1843, still resides on the old home place and is numbered among the estimable ladies of the community. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sunderman were born eight children: John, who resides at Fort Morgan, Colorado; Mrs. Williams; Hannah, the wife of William Enderbrock of Brownstown, Indiana; Rosina, who became the wife of William Mosher and died May 29, 1909; Elvina, who is the wife of Fred Roberts, living in Douglas township; Henry, also of Douglas township; George, who was drowned in the Nodaway river when seventeen years of age; and William, who died in his second year.

From her father Mrs. Williams inherited one hundred and sixty acres of land in Douglas township. In addition to their home place Mr. Williams owns a seventy acre farm in Valley township, which he received from his father. They make their home, however, in Nodaway township, where Mr. Williams is extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of Percheron horses, Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, being among those who are doing much to establish Iowa's reputation as one of the live-stock centers of the country. In all of his business affairs he is diligent and persevering, and the capable direction of his business interests is bringing to him substantial success. In politics he is a democrat but is not active in

the work of the party aside from casting his ballot for its candidates. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church at Rosehill and their Christian faith constitutes the guiding force in their lives.

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### JOHN F. COULTER.

An excellent farming property of one hundred and sixty acres situated on sections 14 and 23, Amity township, pays tribute to the industry and enterprise of John F. Coulter, whose life has been spent mostly in the county of his nativity. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Shambaugh, Page county, on the 3d of September, 1872, a son of Robert and Jennie M. (White) Coulter. The father, who is of Irish ancestry, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to America when nineteen years of age, locating in Ohio, where he remained for three years. At the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, where he operated a farm in Amity township as a renter for four years. He then purchased forty acres of land, upon which he erected a home and which he continued to cultivate for nineteen years. Later he bought another forty acres and a few years afterward he acquired forty acres more, while he removed his house upon the last tract of forty acres and made that his home for eight years. Subsequently he traded this farm for two hundred and twenty-three acres of land in Monroe county, Iowa, and upon that property he and his wife are now residing. He had married Jennie M. White, who was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, and came to Iowa shortly after her marriage. Upon the 10th of August, 1909, she and her husband celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary, which was attended by all of the children and grandchildren.

John F. Coulter of this review spent the period of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm and during the winter months he attended the district schools, while during the summer seasons he was busily engaged in assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields. Subsequently he attended Amity College, at College Springs, Iowa, where for several winters he pursued a general course of study. After leaving that institution he was employed for two years, and then, when twenty-six years of age, he took up the occupation of farming on his own account, renting a farm of eighty acres near Service in Monroe county, Iowa, he was thus engaged for three years. He then removed to Lincoln township, Page county, where he operated a rented farm near Coin for four years, after which two years were passed in the operation of a rented farm in connection with his brother-in-law, J. M. McKee. His capital then enabled him to purchase a farm of his own, and for the past three years he has been residing upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located on sections 14 and 23, Amity township. The soil is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it, while through energy and diligence intelligently directed Mr. Coulter has brought his fields under a

high state of cultivation and his place is now one of the well improved and valuable properties of the township.

It was in the spring of 1898 that Mr. Coulter was united in marriage near Braddyville, Page county, to Miss Mary E. McKee, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Eliza (Hall) McKee. The former, a farmer by occupation, passed away in 1886. The mother, who was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, came to Iowa in the early '60s, locating in Amity township, this county, upon a farm which she made her home for one year, and then she removed to a farm of one hundred acres near Braddyville, which her husband had purchased and upon which she now resides with her grandson, William McKee. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter has been blessed with two children, William and Francis, aged respectively seven and five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are members of the United Presbyterian church of College Springs, Iowa, in the work of which they are deeply and actively interested, while Mr. Coulter is one of the elders thereof. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has never sought nor desired office for himself, preferring to direct his entire energies to his private business interests, which, carefully controlled, are bringing to him a substantial measure of success. In this county where his entire life has been spent he has gained the reputation of being an honorable and upright gentleman, whose business integrity is unquestioned and whose salient characteristics are such as have won him the unqualified regard and esteem of an extensive circle of friends.

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#### O. W. FREED.

O. W. Freed, living on section 6, Tarkio township, is well known as a representative farmer of that locality, and that his fellow townsmen regard him as one worthy of public trust is indicated in the fact that he is now serving as a member of the board of county supervisors. He was born in Sweden on the 6th of October, 1865, and is a son of Andrew and Anna Freed. The father was a soldier of Sweden, serving in the standing army in that kingdom for thirty-three years. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

O. W. Freed was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of his native land, which he attended until fourteen years of age, when he faced the responsibility of business life, starting out upon a course that has eventually led him to success. The path that he has followed has not been a devious one for throughout the intervening years his undivided attention has been given to farming and kindred interests. He was first employed at farm work by the year but feeling that there was little future for him in his native land when compared with the opportunities offered in the new world he bade adieu to friends, family and country when twenty years of age and crossed the briny deep to the United States.

Page county was his destination and in that year he arrived in Hepburn, where he worked by the month for three or four years. His diligence and industry enabled him to command good wages, which he carefully saved until he felt justified in starting out in farm life for himself. He first rented land and in 1880 purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Nodaway township. Immediately afterward he located thereon and made it his home until the spring of 1893, when he sold that property and purchased his present farm, a fractional quarter section on section 16, Tarkio township. He has since resided thereon and is busily employed in cultivating the soil, raising the various crops best adapted to climatic conditions here. He also owns four hundred acres of land in Miner county, South Dakota. He has made a business of general farming, in which he has been very successful, and for several years he has been feeding from one to three carloads of cattle yearly, his live-stock interests being an important source of revenue to him. He is also vice president and one of the directors of the Farmers Savings Bank of Essex.

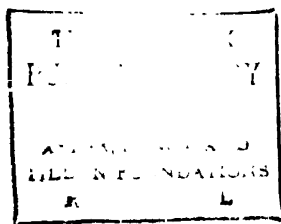
In 1881 Mr. Freed took to his home as his bride Miss Mary J. Anderson, of Douglas township, Page county, but a native of Sweden. The children of this marriage are eight in number: Victor, who is assistant cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank, of Essex; Frank, who follows farming in Miner county, South Dakota; Albin, also a farmer of Miner county; Alice, Hilda, Paul, Harold and Mildred, all at home.

The parents are members of the Swedish Lutheran church, in the work of which they are deeply interested, Mr. Freed serving as one of the deacons. He votes with the republican party, which he has loyally supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. For some years he has been recognized as an influential factor in local politics and served for three terms as township trustee and in other minor offices. In 1906 he was nominated and elected a member of the county board of supervisors and received hearty endorsement for his official service in that capacity in his reelection in the fall of 1908, his second term beginning January 1, 1910. Citizenship is to him merely no idle farce and there is no native son of America more loyal to the stars and stripes. While he does not seek to become widely known in politics, in his home locality he never hesitates to do what he can for his party and the community at large and has made a most creditable record through his devotion to the public good.

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#### J. W. MYERS.

J. W. Myers, who is now living retired in Shenandoah, where he has made his home for the past eleven years, was formerly identified with the farming interests of the county and the ability and energy which he displayed in carrying on his business affairs now enable him to live retired in the enjoyment of the fruit of his former toil. He was born in Monmouth, Warren county, Illinois, and in the paternal line comes of German ancestry.



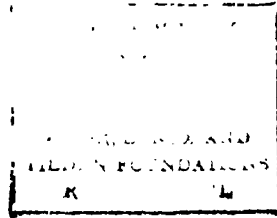




J. W. MYERS



MRS. J. W. MYERS



his grandparents having been born in the fatherland. George Myers, his father, was born in Brown county, Ohio, and having arrived at years of maturity, he married Ann Gooday, also a native of that county. They were married, however, in Decatur county, Indiana, Mrs. Myers having accompanied her parents to that place when about eighteen years of age. George Myers became an extensive dealer in live stock in Warren county, Illinois, and was an active and enterprising business man whose well directed efforts brought him substantial success. In the year 1865 he removed with his family to Fremont county, Iowa, where he died twenty years later, while his wife passed away in 1881.

J. W. Myers of this review was educated in the district schools of Warren county, Illinois, and in his youthful days engaged in herding cattle. He also worked upon the farm in the various branches of labor which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained at home until his marriage and then in 1865 went to Fremont county, Iowa, where he carried on general farming and stock-raising for thirty-three years. In all of his business affairs he was diligent and persistent, meeting with the success that crowns earnest and indefatigable effort. As the years went by he harvested good crops and was also particularly successful in raising and handling live stock. His judgment regarding all business matters of that character was sound and reliable and prompted his safe investment and profitable management of his business affairs. While he has left the active operation and control of his farm to others since 1898 he still owns the old home property of two hundred and forty acres in Fremont county, Iowa. His name is also an honored one in financial circles, for he is a stockholder in the Commercial National Bank of Shenandoah. Ever reliable in his business transactions, his word has ever been considered as good as any bond solemnized by signature or seal. While living upon the farm he fed much stock and also made extensive shipments so that he became recognized as one of the leading representatives of the live-stock interests of this part of the state.

It was in 1859 that Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Maria Lowe, the wedding being celebrated in Warren county, Illinois. Mrs. Myers was born in Pennsylvania but in her girlhood days accompanied her parents to Illinois, the family arriving in Warren county, about 1843. On the 18th of January, 1909, this worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding, for they have traveled life's journey together for a half century. Eighty friends and relatives gathered on that memorable occasion to celebrate with them this day of rejoicing and left many substantial tokens of high esteem. Of the four children born to them two died in infancy, the birth of both occurring in Warren county, Illinois. Albert Andrew, now living one mile south of Shenandoah, married Miss Katie J. Woods and they have three children. Emma Maria is the wife of Thomas Beardsley living three miles southwest of Shenandoah and they have four children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers have long been devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mrs. Myers has served as class leader and Mr. Myers has been vice president of the board of trustees for sixteen years. He is a stockholder in the Shenandoah Hospital and is interested in the

various measures and movements which are factors in the life and development of the city, along social, material, political, intellectual and moral lines. Although they resided for many years in Fremont county they have for nearly a half century been witnesses of the growth and progress of Shenandoah and of Page county. In the early days Mr. Myers mowed grass in what is now the center of the town. Nearly all of this portion of the state was wild prairie and there was little indication of the rapid changes which were to occur and transform southeastern Iowa into a populous district with splendid business possibilities, while its rich prairie lands were to be transformed into productive fields, its farms today equaling those found in any part of the country. With the work of general improvement Mr. Myers has been closely associated, taking an active interest in everything relative to the public good.

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#### WILLIAM J. KNOX.

William J. Knox is a most public-spirited citizen of Pierce township, taking a prominent part in affairs which affect the public welfare. He is also a general farmer and stock raiser, owning a valuable property of two hundred acres located on section 20, Pierce township. Mr. Knox is a native of the Emerald Isle, born April 7, 1853, and is one of the six children of John and Ellen (Anderson) Knox, who were likewise natives of Ireland. In 1864 the father emigrated with his family to the United States and located in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming until 1877, in which year he took up his abode in Page county, Iowa, on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he bought. In 1882 he sold that farm and purchased five hundred and twenty acres in Otoe county, Nebraska, to which place he removed, and there he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1900, when he had reached the age of seventy-seven years. The mother survived for only a few years, her death occurring in 1904, when she was seventy-six years old.

William J. Knox was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. His education was acquired in the public schools, wherein he mastered the branches that fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1876 he came with the family to Page county and engaged in farming on rented land which he leased from James Martin in Pierce township. In the spring of 1885 he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Pierce township, on which he at once took up his abode. Later he bought an additional tract of forty acres, so that his place now embraces two hundred acres. Mr. Knox has made many improvements on the farm and now has a good country residence, substantial barn and various other outbuildings to shelter grain and stock, while his fields have been placed under a good state of cultivation. For the past several years in addition to carrying on general farm work, Mr. Knox has fed about two carloads of cattle for the market each year,

and this branch of his business has proved profitable. Besides his home farm he owns a half section of land in Sully county, South Dakota. In 1902, when the Commercial Bank of Essex was reorganized as the Commercial National Bank, Mr. Knox became a stockholder of the institution and was also elected to its board of directors on the 1st of January, 1903.

On the 22d of March 1887, Mr. Knox was married to Miss Mary Dean, of Pierce township, and this union has been blessed with four sons and one daughter, namely: Floyd A., Earl J., Robert R., Dean W. and Wilma F. The eldest son, Floyd A., was graduated from the business department of Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, with the class of 1909. All the children are still at home.

In his political views and affiliations Mr. Knox is a republican and for thirteen years served as trustee of the township, while for sixteen years he most acceptably filled the position of road supervisor. At the present time he is serving as treasurer of the school board and is numbered among the most influential and substantial men of Pierce township. He is a member of Mountain Lodge, No. 360, A. F. & A. M. at Essex, and Mrs. Knox is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Positive and aggressive, Mr. Knox is always found on the right side of all public questions where the best interests of the community are involved. To him has been entrusted important public service, which has been discharged with the same degree of promptness and fidelity as he displays in his private business affairs. He has been successful, as is evidenced by the fine farm of two hundred acres of which he is today the owner.

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#### LEE F. COWGER.

Lee F. Cowger, one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of Coin, where he has made his home since 1900, is the proprietor and owner of the Merchants Hotel and also the present mayor of the town. His birth occurred at Sidney, Fremont county, Iowa, on the 4th of March, 1878, his parents being William A. and Mary E. (Huffer) Cowger, the former being a native of Martinsburg, Iowa, while the latter was born near London, Indiana. The paternal grandparents of our subject were James and Susan Cowger, and the grandparents on the maternal side were Daniel and Jane Huffer. William A. Cowger, the father of Lee F. Cowger, followed the barber's trade in early manhood, later was connected with general agricultural pursuits for a number of years and then became a dealer in hardware and implements at Northboro, Iowa, conducting an establishment of this character in association with his son, Lee F., until he passed away on the 8th of August, 1906. His widow, who still survives him, makes her home at Riverton, Iowa. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, as follows: Lee F., of this review; David C. and George W., who are residents of Missouri; Arien B., who is the wife of Wallace C. Johnson and lives in this state; and William A., a resident of Coin.

Lee F. Cowger attended the common schools at Riverton, Iowa, until fourteen years of age and then learned the barber's trade, which he followed for a period of seven years. Since 1900 he has lived in Coin, Page county, being now the proprietor and owner of the Merchants Hotel at that place. He is a most popular and genial host, doing everything possible for the comfort of his guests and the hostelry therefore receives an extensive patronage.

On the 11th of April, 1900, Mr. Cowger was united in marriage to Miss Emma R. Weland, a daughter of Fred and Augusta (Gruner) Weland, who are farming people of this state. Their children are six in number, namely: George; Lena, the wife of James Chesnut; John W.; Charles; Edward; and Mrs. Cowger. The last named is now the mother of three children: Minnie L., born December 2, 1902; David L., whose birth occurred September 3, 1904; and William A., whose natal day was December 3, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Cowger is a firm and unfaltering republican and as the candidate of that party was elected mayor of Coin, the duties of which office he is now discharging in a most capable and highly satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Coin and in religious faith is a Methodist. Though still a young man, he has already attained an enviable position in political and business circles and is today recognized as one of the most influential, public-spirited and enterprising residents of his community.

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#### THOMAS WILLIAM KEENAN.

Thomas William Keenan is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public weifare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. The public, recognizing his ability in his profession, has accorded to him a liberal clientage and thus he has been connected with much important work of the courts since his admission to the bar.

A native of Noble county, Ohio, he was born March 3, 1875, of the marriage of Thomas and Maria (Reed) Keenan. His father was born near Pittsburg in 1833 and as a boy accompanied his parents to Belmont county, Ohio, where he attained his majority and was married, his bride being a native of that county. Two or three years later they removed to Noble county, Ohio, where Mr. Keenan engaged in general farming, there making his home up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888. His wife survived until 1896 and passed away at the age of sixty-one years. They were both consistent members of the Methodist church and Mr. Keenan was a stalwart democrat in politics.

Thomas William Keenan was reared at home, acquiring his education in the district schools and in the Batesville (Ohio) high school, from which

he was graduated with the class of 1890. He then took charge of the old home farm, which he continued to cultivate until 1896 and for two winters during that period he also engaged in teaching in the district schools. Desirous of improving his own education, in 1896 he entered the Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued a scientific course and also a special course in mathematics, being graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897. He next entered the Lincoln Normal University at Lincoln, Nebraska, and accepted the chair of mathematics, teaching in that institution until the 1st of December, 1898, when the university buildings were destroyed by fire and the school was discontinued.

On the 6th of January, 1899, Mr. Keenan arrived in Shenandoah and the following fall was offered and accepted the chair of mathematics in the Western Normal College in this city, remaining in this position for four years. In 1901 he was chosen vice president of the college and served in that capacity for two years. While thus engaged he was giving all of his leisure time to the study of law under the direction of Attorney Denver L. Wilson. After severing his connection with the college in 1903, he applied himself assiduously to his law studies and in June, 1904, successfully passed the required examination for admission to the bar. Mr. Keenan then formed a law partnership with his former preceptor, Mr. Wilson, with whom he was associated until the 1st of April, 1907, when the partnership was dissolved.

Mr. Keenan has since been practicing independently. He is an able barrister and has built up a large and remunerative clientage. No profession is more open to talent than is that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Possessing all of the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Mr. Keenan carefully manages the legal interests entrusted to his care, never failing to recognize the main point at issue and never neglecting to make a thorough preparation. His pleas have been characterized by terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation, rather than flights of oratory, and his power is the greater before court or jury from the fact that it is recognized that his aim is ever to secure justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb or illusion which will thwart the principles of right and equity involved.

On the 14th of November, 1906, Mr. Keenan was married to Miss Addie E. Culver, a daughter of George A. Culver, then of Clarinda, this county, but now of Beatrice, Nebraska. Unto this marriage has been borne one son, Thomas William.

Mr. Keenan belongs to Juniata Lodge, No. 195, K. P., Nishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W., and to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is now choir leader in the church and has made its music an attractive feature of its worship. His worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged, while his ability in his chosen profession is carrying him into important relations with the work of the courts. Although Mr. Keenan is not now



actively engaged in mathematical work, he was, on September 11, 1909, chosen as a member of the international committee for the investigation of the teaching of mathematics in private institutions of learning. This comes to him unsought and is a fitting recognition of his work both as a mathematician and as a teacher of mathematics.

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### DAVID B. McCALLA.

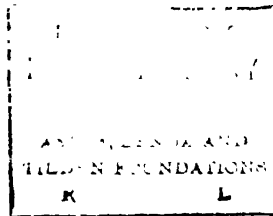
The birth of David B. McCalla occurred August 28, 1861, on section 23, Harlan township, on a farm adjoining that on which he yet resides. He has always made his home in this neighborhood and, therefore, has a wide acquaintance in the community. As a business man he has made a creditable record and is now the owner and manager of the Orchard Hill Fruit Farm, on which he is extensively engaged in the cultivation of apples and other fruit.

His youthful days were spent in the home of his parents, James and Ann (Bolton) McCalla, both of whom were natives of the north of Ireland but came to America in early life and were married in Philadelphia. The father was a weaver by trade. In the year 1857 he brought his family to Iowa and soon afterward purchased eighty acres of land in Harlan township, Page county. For twenty years he here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, continuing in the work of the farm until his life's labors were ended in death in 1877, when he was seventy-six years of age. His widow survived him for a number of years, passing away in 1886 at the age of fifty-five years. They had a family of seven children: John, now deceased; Mary, the wife of F. M. Thurman, living in Taylor county, Iowa; Jane, the wife of L. C. Cox, also of Taylor county; Samuel A., who makes his home in the same county; David B.; William A., living in Oklahoma; and James, who resides upon the homestead farm adjoining that occupied by his brother, David.

In the usual manner of farm lads David B. McCalla was reared, being early trained to the work of the fields, while in the public schools he received his mental training and discipline, which have well qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. The occupation to which he was reared he has chosen as a life work and in addition to tilling the soil for the production of corn and other cereals he has also made a specialty of horticultural pursuits and his place is appropriately termed the Orchard Hill Fruit Farm. It comprises eighty acres of land, of which twenty-five acres are devoted to the raising of apples and some small fruit. One-half of his apples are of the Ben Davis variety, one-fourth of the winesap and nearly one-fourth are Jonathans with a few trees of other varieties. All were set out by Mr. McCalla, who takes great and justifiable pride in his fruit, which has been a prize winner at many exhibits of the county fairs and of the Southwestern Iowa Horticultural Society. For several years Mr. McCalla has been a di-



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rector of the latter, which covers a territory comprised within the fruit belt of the southwest Iowa. He has always made a specialty of apples and his study of horticultural questions has caused his opinions to be largely accepted as authority on the matter of apple cultivation.

In 1892 Mr. McCalla was united in marriage to Miss Mary Belle Stoops, who was born in Harlan township in 1865 and is a daughter of William and Martha B. Stoops. The father is now deceased but the mother yet resides in Clarinda. Mrs. McCalla passed away November 14, 1902, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving one child, Anna Belle.

Mr. McCalla is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church and conforms his life to its teachings. He is interested in its work and contributes generously to its support. As a business man he is thoroughly reliable under all circumstances, for his integrity is unquestioned and he has never been known to overreach another in any business transaction. He has been a witness of the growth and development of the county for forty-eight years, during which time many notable changes have been made as the wild land has been reclaimed for the purpose of civilization and transformed into cultivable fields. While here and there towns and villages have sprung up, supplying the agricultural district with all that it needs from a commercial source.

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#### JAMES MCCALLA.

James McCalla, a brother of David B. McCalla, was born March 8, 1865, on the farm in Harlan township upon which he yet makes his home. His youthful days were spent in the home of his parents, James B. and Ann (Bolten) McCalla, who arrived in this county in 1857. Soon afterward the father preempted eighty acres of land, upon which James McCalla now resides, and he and his wife spent their remaining days upon the farm which is now owned and occupied by their son James. The father died in January, 1877, at the age of seventy-seven years, while the mother passed away in November, 1886, at the age of fifty-five years, her birth having occurred in 1831. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church and assisted in erecting the first house of worship.

In his youthful days James McCalla worked in the fields from the time that he was old enough to reach the plow handles and turn the furrows across the fields. He has continuously resided upon the old homestead and now has eighty acres of well improved land, presenting a neat and attractive appearance because of the care and labor which he bestows upon his fields. He carries on general farming and stock raising and feeds all that he raises on the farm.

On the 17th of October, 1894, Mr. McCalla was united in marriage to Miss Martha Stoops, who was born in Harlan township, Page county, November 12, 1871, and is a daughter of Wilson and Martha B. (McCrory) Stoops, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Iowa. After the

death of Mr. Stoops his widow married again and now resides in Clarinda. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James McCalla have been born six children: Bessie, Lorena, James Leslie, Mary Lois, Wilson Sloan and Knox Bolton. James McCalla and his family attend the Reformed Presbyterian church of Clarinda, of which he is a member. His life interests are closely confined to the farm for he finds that when he utilizes his land to the best advantage he has little leisure time for other things. He works diligently and persistently to cultivate his fields and the place in its neat and well kept appearance indicates his careful supervision.

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#### AUSTIN VAN GUNDY.

A well improved farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres, located on section 32, Grant township, is the home of Austin Van Gundy, who in addition to this land owns a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Fremont county, thus being numbered among the large landowners and prominent citizens of southwestern Iowa. He is a native of Ross county, Ohio, born June 21, 1856, of the marriage of James and Rachel (Ring) Van Gundy, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state, the former born in Ross county and the latter in Pickaway county. They were married in Ross county and made that their home until 1865, when they removed to Atchison county, Missouri, where they spent their remaining days, the mother passing away in 1899 when she was seventy-four years of age, while the father, surviving for a number of years, departed this life in 1907 when he had reached the very advanced age of eighty-three years.

Austin Van Gundy began his education in the schools of Ross county, Ohio, and being a little lad of nine years at the time of the parent's removal to Atchison county, Missouri, continued his education in the schools of that place. He was reared on the home farm and was trained by his father in the work of the fields, so that he was well qualified for taking charge of a farm of his own, when, in the spring of 1876, just prior to the twentieth anniversary of his birth, he located on eighty acres of land in Nodaway county. This tract was a portion of a tract of eleven hundred and forty acres which had been entered from the government by the grandfather, John Van Gundy, in 1856. For seven years Austin Van Gundy spent his time in developing and cultivating that property but on the expiration of that period he returned to Atchison county, Missouri, and purchased two hundred acres of land, on which he made his home until 1901. Believing that Iowa offered better opportunities to the farmer, in that year he came to this state and invested his money in two hundred and forty acres in Fremont county, his land constituting one of the finest farms in that section of the state. He made his home there but a few years, however, when in 1908, he came to Page county and bought his present home farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres, located on section 32, Grant township. Taking up his abode on this place in the year above mentioned, he has since been en-

gaged in its cultivation and now has one of the model farms of this section of Page county. Mr. Van Gundy is ever watchful of opportunities pointing to success and his excellent judgment of land values is indicated in the fine farms which he today owns and which are returning to him a good financial income.

Mr. Van Gundy was married on the 18th of April, 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Gray, a daughter of John L. and Lucinda (Runyan) Gray, residents of Atchison county, Missouri. Two sons and three daughters grace this marriage, namely: Pearl, who acts as housekeeper for her brother Fred, a farmer of Pierce township, he being the second in order of birth in the family; Bryson, who operates his father's farm in Monroe township, Fremont county; and Sallie and Ruth, both at home.

Mr. Van Gundy gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party but has never been active as an office seeker, as his private business interests have always made full demand upon his time and attention. His fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Van Gundy and her three daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Although the family have resided in Page county for but a brief period, they have already gained many warm friends, who receive a cordial welcome at their hospitable home. In business dealings Mr. Van Gundy displays sound judgment and may well be classed among the successful men of the state.

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#### THOMAS VAN SWERINGEN.

Thomas Van Sweringen is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 34, Grant township. He became the possessor of this through two purchases, making investment in one hundred and sixty acres in 1894, while the adjoining eighty acre tract was acquired four or five years later. The farm presents a neat and attractive appearance, indicating the careful supervision of a progressive owner.

Mr. Van Sweringen was born in Honey Grove, Juniata county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of April, 1856, his parents being William and Rachel (Sweringen) Van Sweringen, who were likewise natives of Juniata county, where they were reared and married and continued their residence until called to the home beyond. The father was a farmer, merchant and miller and a general business man of Honey Grove, whose enterprise and careful manipulation of his business affairs brought him substantial and well merited success. He died when about eighty-one years of age and his wife was sixty-seven years old at the time of her demise. In community affairs, aside from business, Mr. Van Sweringen was quite active and influential and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to various offices, including that of county commissioner, in which he served for two or three terms. His loyalty in public affairs and his tangible ef-

forts for the general good made him one of the representative men of Juniata county.

Thomas Van Sweringen was reared under the parental roof and his educational opportunities were those offered by the common schools of his native town. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Bennett, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The following summer he engaged in farming a portion of the old home place but in February, 1881, with his young wife, he came west to Iowa and for two years thereafter engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm in Grant township, Page county. On the expiration of that period he removed to Gage county, Nebraska, where he rented land and carried on general farming for three years. Then he returned to Page county and for eight years rented and cultivated the McCulloch farm in Grant township. During these years he carefully saved his earnings until his economical expenditure enabled him to make investment in land. As previously stated he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm in 1894 and four or five years afterward extended its boundaries by the purchase of an additional tract of eighty acres, so that now he has a valuable place of two hundred and forty acres, upon which he has made many substantial improvements. He has good buildings, modern farm machinery and good grades of stock, and the fields are highly cultivated, bringing forth large crops annually.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Van Sweringen have been born four children: John, a farmer living in Grant township; Grace, at home; and Helen and Louise, twins, also at home. Mrs. Van Sweringen is a member of the Presbyterian church and a lady whose estimable qualities have gained her many friends in this locality. Mr. Van Sweringen is widely and favorably known and his record is one which awakens admiration, for he came to Iowa a poor man, his only capital being ambition and energy. Today he is one of the substantial citizens of his part of the county and his life record stands in incontrovertible proof of what may be accomplished through determination, diligence and business honesty.

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#### THOMAS TOMLINSON.

Thomas Tomlinson, who for a long period was closely associated with the business interests of Clarinda, having for more than a third of a century resided here, belonged to that class of representative men who came from foreign lands to enjoy the broader business opportunities of the new world. He realized that success is not a matter of genius as held by some but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable energy and throughout his life diligence and persistency of purpose constituted strong forces in his advancement.

He was born in Yorkshire, England, May 31, 1828, and was his father's namesake. In early life he learned the tanner's trade, to which he served a regular apprenticeship and afterward worked along that line for

nine and a half years. He began his trade in York, England, and continued in active connection with tanning interests of that country until he came to America. He remained in York for five years and then removed to Hull, England, where he established business as a tanner and currier, conducting his enterprise for seven years. Free trade in England, however, limited success in his chosen field of labor, and, having seen glowing accounts of a place called Amity, now College Springs, Iowa, he decided that he would cross the Atlantic and seek his fortune in that eldorado of the middle west.

Mr. Tomlinson had previously wedded Miss Mary Newham, who was a milliner of Hull, England, the marriage being celebrated September 18, 1855. They were the parents of four children, of whom three are still living: Fred N., a resident of Clarinda; Emily Mary, now the wife of C. N. Morris, living at Santa Barbara, California; Henry Earnest, whose home is in Newmarket, Iowa; and Herbert K., who died in 1908.

With his wife and the four children, Mr. Tomlinson set sail for the new world and after arriving in America five children were added to the household, all born in Clarinda, namely: George W. and Charles S., who are residents of Santa Barbara, California; Anna Maud, the wife of M. A. Meagher, of Washington; Frank R., living in San Francisco, California; and Bertha A., now the wife of Arthur Burson, of Santa Barbara, California.

It was in September, 1864, that the family sailed for the new world and in October reached America. They landed first at Quebec and thence made their way to Detroit and Chicago. At both the latter places Mr. Tomlinson was robbed in the customs. He afterward made his way to St. Joseph, Missouri, and at that place he and another man were taken for rebel spies and could find no place where they might shelter their families. At length they found accommodation for a day, for which a charge of one hundred and eight dollars was made. Mr. Tomlinson crossed the country to Amity, now College Springs, Iowa, but he did not feel that the little town came up to the representations which he had seen on paper. He found that it contained only a few houses and a store or two. His disappointment was great as he had used nearly all of his means in reaching his destination. However, he turned his attention to farming but after a brief period removed to Clarinda. Mrs. Tomlinson here proved herself a most devoted wife and mother. She had previously learned the milliner's trade in England and she opened a millinery shop in Clarinda, conducting business along that line for twenty-five years. She also carefully reared her family, which became a credit and honor to her name.

Mr. Tomlinson, after reaching Clarinda, worked at the tanner's trade for some years and subsequently purchased a tannery which he conducted for fifteen years. It was in 1866 that they came to Clarinda and, while conducting a tannery, he also established a harness shop and on the expiration of a period of fifteen years he took charge of his shop, which he managed from 1882 until 1889. He then began purchasing wool, carrying on business in that direction until 1894, when he removed to California and



retired. His last days were spent in that state, where he died in January, 1903. His widow still survives and resides in California at the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. Tomlinson was a great singer and an ardent church man, belonging to the Methodist church. He sang at all gatherings of importance in his community. In politics he became a republican and his musical talent was greatly appreciated in campaign work throughout southwestern Iowa. His influence was felt by all with whom he came in contact and through his labors he did good at all times. As his business interests were extended, bringing him into contact with more people his labors continued to be an important source of good throughout the community and he is yet remembered by many as one whose work largely promoted the moral progress. He stood ever for those things which are right, just and true, and his name is honored wherever he was known but most of all where he was best known. He was a man of extremely liberal spirit, generous almost to a fault, but of him it might be said as it was of Goldsmith's village preacher "and e'en his failings leaned to virtue's side." He was one of those who gave most liberally to the Nodaway & Brownsville Branch Railroad and was one of the most generous in his donations to the Methodist Episcopal church. Viewed from the standpoint of worldly success, he perhaps did not give wisely for he sacrificed his own interests for the public welfare but the philosopher has said, "not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judged by this standard Thomas Tomlinson was a most successful man.

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#### FRED N. TOMLINSON.

From an early period in the development of Page county the name of Tomlinson has been well known here. Fred N. Tomlinson is now numbered among the wide-awake, alert and determined business men of Clarinda, where he is engaged in dealing in harness and saddlery and also handles hides, furs and wool in season. He is a native of Hull, England, who in his youthful days was brought to the new world by his parents, whose sketch is given above. He pursued his studies in the public schools and in Clarinda he also learned the harnessmaker's trade, which he has followed to the present time. His father was the owner of a harness shop here and the son received thorough and ample training when he qualified for his present work. When his father gave up the wool business he took up the same line of work and has been purchasing continually since. This branch of his business brings to him a substantial return for he is an excellent judge of good fleece.

In 1882 Mr. Tomlinson took up land in South Dakota, near Woonsocket, and spent six years there for the benefit of his health, devoting his time during that period to the improvement of his property. He then returned to Clarinda and has a two-story brick business block, which is twenty-four

by one hundred feet. He also owns a warehouse, which is built of brick and is twenty-four by thirty-two feet. The latter is used for storing hides, furs and wool, while the former is occupied by his harness store, in which he carries a large line of well made goods, his sales reaching a gratifying figure annually.

On the 26th of February, 1884, Mr. Tomlinson was married to Miss Mary Davison, of College Springs, Iowa, a daughter of George Davison, a native of Ireland and a florist by occupation. In 1872 he came to Page county, where he conducted a farm and is still residing in this county as one of its respected, loyal and upright citizens. He is also a leader in the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Tomlinson have been born three children: Annie M., now the wife of O. R. Lucas, an insurance man of St. Joseph, Missouri; Pearl A., residing in Lincoln, Nebraska; and George Thomas, who is a graduate of the Clarinda high school, now at home. He has also spent one year in college.

Mr. Tomlinson is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp of Clarinda and is a trustee of the public library. No project put forth for the benefit of the community fails to receive his endorsement and cooperation, and his efforts along many lines have been extremely helpful. The Methodist Episcopal church finds in him a devoted member and active supporter. He was reared in the atmosphere of a Christian home, early began guiding his life by religious teachings, and for eighteen years served as a trustee of his church. He was one of the organizers of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly, which has been of marked educative value in the community and for many years he was a member of the Clarinda Band, which later was called the C. B. & Q. Band. This was the only band at the inauguration of President Garfield that held an honorable position on that occasion and at different times they were honored by banquets in Chicago, Burlington and other cities. Mr. Tomlinson does not look at life from the selfish standpoint of getting all he can without rendering anything to others but realizes his obligations to his fellowmen and to his city, state and country. He is, therefore, neglectful of no duty of citizenship, and Clarinda has largely profited by his enterprising and progressive spirit. The name of Tomlinson has long been an honored one here and like his father, Fred N. Tomlinson enjoys the respect, confidence and good will of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### CHARLES LEE JONES, M. D.

Charles Lee Jones, physician and surgeon, practicing in Shenandoah, is one of the younger members of the profession but his years do not seem any bar to his practice. He is in touch with the most modern methods and has already won recognition of his ability which is based upon thorough and systematic training.

He was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, September 23, 1869, and is the son of Charles D. and Hattie D. (Dexter) Jones, both of whom were natives of Tama county, Iowa, for the Jones and Dexter families were among the earliest settlers of the central part of the state. The Jones family came from Pennsylvania to Iowa, while the Dexter family had previously been residents of Ohio. The grandfather, Knight Dexter, was for years sheriff of Tama county during the early history of that part of the state. After his marriage Charles D. Jones settled in Marshalltown, Iowa, where he had previously served an apprenticeship to the newspaper business in the office of the Times-Republican. Later he removed to Huron, South Dakota, where he managed and edited the Huronite for some years, making it one of the leading journals of that part of the state. Subsequently he went to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and later became owner and editor of the Argus at Cedar Falls, Iowa, publishing that paper until about 1890, when he sold out and returned to the old home in Toledo, Iowa. He then went upon the road, representing a printer's supply house, and later he handled printer's ink exclusively, representing the Ullman-Philpott Manufacturing Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. In this capacity he has become known to every newspaper man in the five central states and is familiarly mentioned as "Jones, the ink man." His cordiality, congeniality and good business qualifications have made him popular with many patrons. He is still living in Toledo, Iowa, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and wherever he has gone has won a host of warm friends.

Dr. Jones, whose name introduces this review, was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public and high schools of Toledo and in the Western College of that place prior to entering the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon. After leaving that institution he secured a position as telegraph operator and relief agent with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, having learned telegraphy in his early manhood. He was thus employed for three years and on resigning the position took up the study of medicine, having determined to make its practice his life work. He read under the preceptorship of Dr. C. M. Morford, of Toledo, Iowa, and in the fall of 1902 he entered the Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1906 on the completion of the regular four years' course. During the time he attended lectures he also acted as nurse for eighteen months in the nervous department of the Garfield Park Sanitarium. This gave him a keen insight into and knowledge of all nervous diseases and the treatment of insane patients that can only be gained from actual experience. Coming into close contact with such patients he studied the manifestations of the disease. Following his graduation he came to Shenandoah, where he located, and in the three years which have since passed he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a close and earnest student, reading broadly and thinking deeply and manifesting marked ability in applying his knowledge in specific cases.

Dr. Jones is a member of the Page County Medical Society, of the Iowa State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association and thus keeps in close touch with the work that is being done by his fellow members of the profession. He belongs to Nishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W., and is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On the 20th of May, 1908, he wedded Miss Maud Jeffers, of Wakoo, Nebraska, and they are now well known and popular in the social circles of Shenandoah.

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#### WILLIAM C. FLYNN.

William C. Flynn has made good use of his opportunities and today is classed among the representative and substantial citizens of Page county, having been connected with its agricultural interests since 1874. A native of Ireland, he was born in County Cavan on the 12th of July, 1844, a son of Owen and Martha (Crawford) Flynn, who were also born in Ireland. The parents came to the United States in 1863, the family home being established in Connecticut. The climate, however, did not agree with the father and he returned to his native land in 1864, there passing away three years later. The mother, after her return to Ireland, found it lonesome without her children, who all sought the advantages offered by the new world, and the same year in which she had accompanied her husband on his trip back to the Emerald Isle witnessed her second arrival in the United States. While en route for America, however, she contracted a severe cold, from the effects of which she died a short time later.

William C. Flynn, who was a young man of nineteen years when he arrived in the United States, remained for a time in Connecticut, holding a position in a drug store in Naugatuck for four or five years, and then he found employment in the woolen mills at Beacon Falls, that state. He was thus connected for seven or eight years when, his health failing him, he was compelled to give up his work along this line. He removed to St. Louis, where for a couple of years he assisted a brother, James C. Flynn, a contractor and builder of that city.

The year 1874 witnessed his arrival in Page county, Iowa, and also witnessed the beginning of his career as a farmer. For about six years he operated a farm as a renter, and then, feeling that his experience and economy warranted his investing in a farm of his own, in 1881 he purchased a tract of eighty acres, which forms the nucleus of his present holdings. He directed his efforts to general agricultural pursuits and with the passing of the years he became very successful. In 1891 he bought another tract of eighty acres adjoining his original purchase, so that his home farm now consists of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land located on section 19, Pierce township, and in 1902 he became the owner of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Fremont township, this county. That his decision to make farming his life work was a wise one is indicated by the fact that, although when he came here he was compelled to borrow sufficient

money with which to pay his way from St. Louis, he ranks today among the substantial farmers and extensive landowners of his section of the county.

Mr. Flynn was united in marriage, on January 2, 1880, to Miss Alice McAllister, of St. Louis, Missouri, where she was born and reared, and this union has been blessed with four children, namely: Joseph A., farming in Pierce township; Fisk H., making his home in Oklahoma; Ralph W., living at home; and William C., following farming near Clarinda, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Flynn gives his allegiance to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, preferring, as he does, to direct his entire time and attention to the conduct of his private business interests. A man of strong integrity and purpose, he ranks high in the esteem and regard of his fellowmen, not only because of the gratifying degree of prosperity which he has attained but also by reason of excellent traits of character and his honorable and upright manhood.

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#### RUFUS ELMORE LEE.

Of marked activity, energetic, honest, far-seeing and public-spirited, Rufus Elmore Lee has operated continuously in lines of business leading to success and by the stimulus of his exertions has aroused the enterprise of others. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, having been both the architect and builder of his own fortune. He is now the secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Lee Electric Light Company, an enterprise of marked value in the thriving city of Clarinda. He is still a young man, his birth having occurred March 23, 1874, in Wahoo, Nebraska. His father, James M. Lee, was a general merchant who, in 1855, removed westward to Nebraska, becoming one of the pioneer residents of that state. He acted as the first postmaster at Wahoo, erected the first store building there and continued in active connection with its business enterprise from 1869 until 1896. He died in Clarinda, August 16, 1909. He married Sarah M. Johnson, who survives him.

Reared in the place of his nativity, Rufus Elmore Lee acquired his education in the public schools and when he entered the field of business it was to acquaint himself with the electrical line, and the interests of telephone building and operation. He started out at the meager salary of six dollars per month, spending one year in Chicago, during which time he gained comprehensive knowledge of electrical work. He then began business for himself, obtaining a franchise for an electric light plant at Superior, Nebraska. He erected the plant in 1894, put it in successful operation and continued its management until 1902. He and his brothers are still owners of the plant and business there. He also installed the plant of the Rufus E. Lee Telephone Company, of which he was the president, but after a year he sold out to the Nebraska Telephone Company. However, he was retained as local and district manager for some time, conducting that line of work in connection with the management of the Superior Electric Light Plant until

1901, when he came to Clarinda and secured a franchise for a lighting plant here in 1902. He was associated in this enterprise with his brother and they built and carried on the plant, the partnership being between Rufus Lee and J. Ren Lee. This relation existed until February, 1905, when they incorporated the business, a new franchise being granted them in that year. Since that time they have operated under the name of Lee Electric Light Company with J. Ren Lee as president of the company, L. W. Lewis as vice president and Rufus E. Lee secretary, treasurer and general manager. The last named built and operated the plant and is conducting a profitable business. The company now has many subscribers and its patronage is constantly increasing because of the excellence of service rendered to the public.

In Superior, Nebraska, on the 4th of November, 1895, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Helen Madolyn Collette, of that place, a daughter of Eli and Louise Collette, the former a farmer and merchant. In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Lee removed to Clarinda, where they now occupy a pleasant home, together with their two daughters, Beatrice Sadie and Helen Madolyn.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Lee was at one time a trustee. In his business he is known for his enterprise and unflinching integrity and his well defined labor has brought him substantial success. An analysis of his life work indicates the possession of many sterling traits of character which have commended him to the confidence, trust and good will of his fellowmen. In business life he represents an important modern feature that is figuring most largely in trade, manufacture and transportation as well as in illumination, and his progressive spirit has enabled him to give to the public valuable service, while at the same time he is promoting his individual prosperity.

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#### EDWARD LUKE, M. D.

Dr. Edward Luke, one of the leading physicians of Page county, has been successfully engaged in practice at Coin since the 1st of March, 1905. His birth occurred at Danville, Illinois, on the 10th of December, 1874, his parents being Charles and Caroline (Kohler) Luke, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in Berlin and the latter in Saxony. Their marriage was celebrated in the United States, however. The father carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, meeting with a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings. His family numbered five children, namely: Charles F., now a resident of Seneca, Missouri; Henry and George, both of whom live in Danville, Illinois; Mary, the wife of David Williams, of Olathe, Colorado; and Edward, of this review.

The last named obtained his early education in the district schools of his native city, then spent four years in the Danville high school and subsequently pursued a select course in the Illinois State Normal School, giving

special attention to all studies bearing upon the science of medicine. He afterward entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, Illinois, and after receiving his diploma served for one year as *externe* in the Augustana Hospital at Chicago. He then spent a year at the Soldiers National Home in Danville, Illinois, and on the 1st of March, 1905, located for practice at Coin, Iowa, where he has remained continuously since, his skill and ability in the line of his chosen profession having won him an extensive and lucrative practice.

On the 26th of April, 1905, Dr. Luke was united in marriage to Miss Delia Johnson, a daughter of Henry and Anna Johnson, of Monroe City, Missouri, where the father is a well known contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have four children: Ralph, Carl, May and Delia. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Luke has been born a son, Charles Daniel, who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 4th of October, 1907.

Dr. Luke gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and is at present serving as health officer of Lincoln township. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America at Coin, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at that place, with which his wife is also identified. He is conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his professional duties and in his practice conforms closely to a high standard of professional ethics.

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#### THOMAS G. H. PORTER.

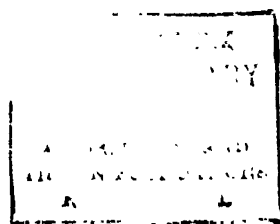
Thomas G. H. Porter, who owns a valuable farm on section 32, Pierce township, is numbered among the native sons of Page county, Iowa, his birth occurring in Grant township on the 2d of April, 1867. He is a son of John F. M. and Sarah Jane (Jordan) Porter, the former a native of Cabell county, West Virginia, and the latter of Tippecanoe county, Indiana. The father, who was born on the 20th of January, 1832, was one of the extensive and well known landowners of Page county, where he still makes his home, being one of the oldest residents of this county. He has now reached the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and is still well preserved. Extended mention of him is made on another page of this volume. Our subject is one of a family of five children, the others being: Julia C., the wife of George Maxwell, of Grant township; John C., also of Grant township; William, who resides in Essex, Page county; and one who has passed away.

Thomas G. H. Porter was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the common schools, receiving good training in the various branches of English learning. He remained at home, assisting his father, until he had almost attained his majority, when he removed to the farm upon which he now resides, consisting of two hundred and forty acres on section 32, Pierce township, which had been deeded to him by his father in 1885.



THOMAS G. H. PORTER AND FAMILY





It is an excellent piece of property, naturally rich and fertile, and upon the place Mr. Porter has introduced all of the modern conveniences and accessories that go to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. The fields are highly cultivated and each autumn return golden harvests which are a source of gratifying remuneration. For a period of several years, however, Mr. Porter rented his farm though he continued to live thereon, but is now engaged in its operation.

For a few years after his removal to his present place Mr. Porter resided upon his farm alone, and then, on the 1st of June, 1894, he chose as a companion and helpmeet Miss Jessie Porter, of Wamic, Oregon, whose acquaintance he had made while on one of his trips to that state. Unto this union have been born two children, Dewey D. and Dora E. Mr. Porter has also taken into his home three children of his wife's sister, whose guardian he has been appointed, namely: Cyril, Wesley and Fount Goff, and he has but recently returned from Oregon with four children of another sister of his wife.

Republican in his politics, Mr. Porter gives stalwart allegiance to that party, doing all in his power to further its influence in the community, although he is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is serving his third term as a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion, and he gives his influence to all matters which have for their object the improvement, progress and upbuilding of the community. Having spent his entire life in Page county, he has gained an extensive circle of friends, and that he is most liked and respected where best known is indicative of the fact that his salient characteristics are such as have won the honor, esteem and good will of his fellowmen, while the prosperity which he today enjoys ranks him among the substantial and successful agriculturists of Pierce township.

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#### C. G. PETERSON.

Each race has its own characteristics and throughout the world the sons of Sweden are known as men of industry and reliability. From that land came C. G. Peterson, now living on section 8, Tarkio township. He was born in Sweden, July 28, 1855, a son of Peter J. and Anna Skarstrom. The parents came to the United States in 1873 and took up their abode on section 28, Fremont township, Page county, Iowa, the father at that time purchasing forty acres of land to which he afterward added a tract of similar extent as his financial resources made further investment possible. He then carried on his farm work upon that place until his life's labors were ended in death, about 1897. His wife survived him for more than a decade, passing away in the spring of 1908.

C. G. Peterson, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the schools of Sweden and was eighteen years of age when the family crossed the briny deep. The following year he started out to earn his own liveli-

hood, being employed the first year as a farm hand at a wage of seventeen dollars a month. He devoted ten years to farm labor and then began farming on his own account, renting land. For two years he cultivated the Russell farm in Fremont township and in the fall of 1885 he purchased eighty acres of his present farm. In the spring of 1886 he removed to this place and has since purchased two other forty acre tracts, so that he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. This farm he has carefully cultivated until it is now a valuable property, well equipped with modern conveniences, while the latest improved machinery is used to facilitate the work of the fields. That he is prosperous is indicated in the fact that in 1908 he made further investment in property, becoming owner of two hundred and forty acres of land in Kingsbury county, South Dakota. He carried on general farming and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates that his labors are so directed that he is meeting with substantial success.

On the 3d of November, 1886, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Selma C. Strom, who was then living in Tarkio township. She had been brought to this country from Sweden when four years of age by her parents and had been carefully trained in the duties of the household through her girlhood days, so that she was well equipped to take charge of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have been born four children, of whom three are living: Herbert F., who is attending the Western Normal College at Shenandoah; Martin and Gilbert. The sons are all at home and assist in the cultivation of the farm. Their father's example may well serve as a stimulus to them, showing what may be accomplished by persistent, earnest effort.

Mr. Peterson is a republican and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has served as road supervisor and favors the care and improvement of the public highways. He has also been school director and is a champion of progressive education. He appreciates the opportunities which the new world afforded him for advancement and is loyal in his allegiance to his adopted land where, unhampered by caste or class labor and energy may win its legitimate reward.

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#### ED HAKES.

Ed Hakes is one of the extensive farmers of Page county, engaged in the cultivation of nine hundred and sixty acres of land, most of which lies in Nebraska township. In all of his business affairs he displays keen discernment and undaunted enterprise, combined with the spirit of determination which ultimately overcomes all obstacles and leads to success.

He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Nodaway township, November 27, 1860. His parents were Henry Harrison and Anna (Palmer) Hakes, and the father, now a retired farmer of Clarinda,

was one of the pioneer settlers of the county. He was born in Onondaga county, New York, June 25, 1830, and was a son of Nathan Hakes, a native of Albany, New York, and a grandson of Albert Hakes, a native of England. Coming to this country he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and his son, Nathan Hakes, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The latter married Margaret Bush, who was born at Greenbush, New York, about four miles from Albany, and was of German lineage. Unto Nathan Hakes and his wife were born ten children, of whom Henry was the youngest. He was a lad of four years when the family became residents of Delaware county, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. His mother died when he was twelve years of age and Nathan Hakes passed away in Seneca county, Ohio, at the age of seventy-two years.

Henry H. Hakes was reared to farm life, receiving ample training in the work of the fields, although his educational opportunities were limited to three months attendance at school. Experience, however, has brought him many valuable lessons, and reading in his leisure moments has also greatly broadened his knowledge. During the period of his youth Delaware county, Ohio, was a wild and unsettled region, in which the residents had to employ every available means at hand to secure the comforts of life that were not purchasable as there were no near-by markets nor would the financial resources of the family have permitted their obtaining such by purchase. He therefore learned to best employ his time, his talents and his opportunities and thus qualify for the experiences of pioneer life in Iowa. He was married November 27, 1852, to Anna Palmer, a native of Richland county, Ohio, and a daughter of William P. Palmer, a native of England. Her mother bore the maiden name of Hannah Rose and she, too, was of English birth. They came to America on a sailing ship, which was nine weeks and five days in completing the voyage. Through adverse winds it drifted to Cuba but finally landed in New York. They had three children who were born in the old country and one, an infant, died while on ship-board. Four others were added to the family here. The children were: Mary, Elizabeth, Katharine, Louisa, Sarah and Anna, all of whom married, reared families and became well-to-do. All established homes in Iowa in the '50s.

In 1857 Henry H. Hakes started with horses and wagon for Iowa and was thus one month in completing the journey, reaching his destination with a cash capital of but eighty-five cents. He settled on a ten acre tract of land, where he built a box house and five years later he purchased sixty acres of James Reed, thereon making his home for two years. After selling that property he bought an improved farm of thirty acres, which he sold four years later, and took up his abode on section 28, Nodaway township. There he first bought forty acres of wild land, upon which he built a box house, but as the years passed he added modern and substantial improvements and also extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised four hundred acres of rich and productive land. The place is well adapted to stock raising and in that branch of business Mr. Hakes was very successful. In 1870, at the cost of twenty-two hundred dollars, he erected a fine residence on an

excellent building site, commanding a wide view of the surrounding country. His barns and sheds also furnish ample shelter for stock and grain, and altogether the Hakes farm presented the appearance which results from careful management and progressive ideas. For a long period Mr. Hakes continued to successfully engage in general agricultural pursuits and stock raising and then retired from business life, taking up his abode in Clarinda, where he now resides. His wife, who was born October 4, 1836, died in 1895. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hakes were born five children: Alice, the wife of J. M. Peterman, of Taylor county; William, who is living in Shambaugh, Iowa; Ed, of this review; Charles, a resident of Clarinda; and Ida, the wife of F. E. Fox, of Clarinda. The father gave to his children liberal educational advantages for he realized from his own lack what is the value of educational training. He cast his first vote for Salmon P. Chase, the free soil candidate for governor of Ohio, voted for Lincoln twice and for Grant in 1868 and afterward supported Peter Cooper for the presidency. In local matters he has been quite active, serving as township trustee for several years in a creditable manner. He belonged to Clarinda Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is now one of the venerable citizens of the county, honored and respected for the upright life which he has ever lived.

Ed Hakes, whose name introduces this review, has always resided in the county and in his youthful days he acquired his education in the public schools. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the fields and continued to carry on farming with his father until 1892, when he married and with his bride went to a farm of his own. He took up his abode in Nebraska township, where he has since lived, and he is now cultivating nine hundred and sixty acres, of which one hundred and sixty acres belongs to his wife, while the remainder of the property is in his own name. Two hundred and forty acres of this lies in Dallas township, Taylor county, while the other is all in Nebraska township. This tract is divided into six separate farms though all adjoin with the exception of one, which is a half mile away. This land borders the village of Hawleyville, where Mr. Hakes resides. He carries on general farming and stock raising, the feeding of hogs and cattle being the main feature in his business. However, he also raises Percheron and road horses and is the owner of the fine Percheron stallion Rhodus. As a live-stock dealer he has won success for he is an excellent judge of farm animals and is, therefore, able to make judicious investments and profitable sales. He likewise owns a store building in Hawleyville and his property has been gained entirely through his own efforts. He carefully considers a situation before he passes judgment upon it, is watchful of all the details pointing to success, and in the years which have come and gone he has won a creditable measure of prosperity.

In March, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hakes and Miss Mary Spaulding, who was born in Page county, September 19, 1870, and is a daughter of E. J. and Mary E. (Jackson) Spaulding, natives of New York and Indiana, respectively. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hakes have now been blessed with two children, Harry and Harold, aged respectively sixteen and

four years. The family home is a hospitable one and is a favorite resort with their many friends. Mr. Hakes votes with the democracy at the present time although he cast his first vote for Benjamin Harrison. He has served on the township board for two terms and as a public-spirited citizen is interested in all measures and movements relating to the general good.

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### J. A. EKEROTH.

The success which is the result of earnest, persistent effort, intelligently directed, has come to J. A. Ekeroth, who is now the cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Essex. Thrown upon his own resources at the age of seventeen years and having the added responsibility of aiding in the support of the family, he resolutely set to work to meet the obligations that devolved upon him and has come off victor in the strife. He was born in Sweden on the 2d of April, 1856, his parents being C. J. and Anna M. Ekeroth, who came to the United States in 1868 and for two years resided at Andover, Illinois. During that time the father worked on the construction of the Burlington Railroad in Iowa and in 1870 removed to Page county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fremont township. On this he took up his abode and made it his home until his death, which occurred in December, 1874. He had been on the farm but four years at the time of his demise and had made but one payment on the land. The year of his death the first crop of any consequence was harvested, forty acres of wheat yielding over one thousand bushels, but all that could be spared beyond that which was needed above the actual necessities of the family was sold to pay doctor bills.

J. A. Ekeroth was then a youth of seventeen years and, being the eldest of the family, on him fell the burden of taking care of the family and operating the farm. On the settlement of the estate four or five years later, J. A. Ekeroth and his brother, C. G. Ekeroth, purchased the farm, each taking eighty acres, and upon that tract of land the subject of this review continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1888. In the meantime he had become interested and active in politics and in that year he was elected to the office of county recorder, in which position he discharged his duties so promptly and capably that he was reelected and filled the position for three successive terms. During this period he purchased his brother's half of the home farm and added to his holdings until he now owns three hundred and sixty acres of land in one body and also two hundred and sixty acres in South Dakota. He was prompt and efficient in discharging the duties of his position and retired from the office in January, 1895, as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned.

Mr. Ekeroth then formed a partnership with William Orr in the insurance, real estate and loan business, having charge of that department of their business, while Mr. Orr looked after their legal interests. Three months later, however, Mr. Ekeroth was offered a position in the Commercial Bank

of Essex, which he accepted, and withdrew from the partnership with Mr. Orr. He remained with the Commercial Bank for nine years but in 1904 he resigned his position and took a trip to his native country, spending three months in Europe. On the expiration of that period he returned to Essex and for two years was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In the fall of 1906 the subject of establishing a new bank in Essex was agitated and he became one of the active spirits in the organization of the new financial institution, which on the 5th of January, 1907, opened its doors for business with Mr. Ekeroth in the position of cashier, in which capacity he has since served. The success of the institution is largely due to him for his previous banking experience well qualified him in this connection. He is a popular official, always courteous and obliging, looking carefully after the interests of the bank and of its patrons as well.

In 1878 Mr. Ekeroth was united in marriage to Miss Tillie E. Anderson, of Fremont township but a native of Sweden, and unto them have been born three children: Ellen E., the wife of Alfred Sar, a clothing merchant of Essex; Martin F., a lumber merchant of Wakefield, Nebraska; and Mabel C., at home. The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested, Mr. Ekeroth having served as one of the church trustees for the past twelve years. In politics he is a republican, recognized as a local leader in the ranks of the party, for at all times he is a stalwart champion of whatever he believes to be right, whether in political connections or in other relations of life. He is a man of marked enterprise and forceful character, who has made for himself a creditable name during the long years of his residence in Page county.

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#### ALLEN DAVISON.

Allen Davison, who devotes his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale, was born in Taylor county, Iowa, February 2, 1866, his parents being Pleasant and Margaret Jane (Ferguson) Davison, both of whom were natives of Missouri. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Davison, was born in Kentucky, while William Henry Ferguson, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia. Pleasant Davison, the father of Allen Davison, was an agriculturist by occupation and throughout his entire business career was successfully engaged in the work of general farming and the raising and feeding of stock. In politics he was a stanch republican, always casting his ballot in support of the men and measures of that party. He was called to his final rest in 1880, his demise occurring on his farm in Page county, but is still survived by his widow, who resides at the corner of East Main and Twelfth streets in Clarinda. Unto this worthy couple were born seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Charles and Edward, who follow farming in Page county; Allen, of this review; Clark, who is also engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county; Henry, who is deceased; Lawrence, likewise

a farmer of Page county; Harry, a resident of Clarinda; Mrs. Clara Nelson, whose husband is engaged in the butchering business at Clarinda; and Mrs. Jennie Dow, whose husband is a farmer of this county.

In his childhood days Allen Davison accompanied his parents on their removal to Page county and here obtained his education as a pupil in the Thompson school. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm and on leaving school at the age of eighteen years he gave his entire attention to the cultivation of his father's property, which was located five miles southeast of Clarinda, on sections 16 and 21. When twenty-one years of age he bought a tract of eighty acres adjoining the old home farm and there carried on agricultural pursuits for eight years, during which period he added to his landed holdings by an additional purchase of one hundred and twenty acres. Subsequently he traded his eighty-acre farm for a tract of similar size in Taylor county, where he made his home for a year and then spent two years on a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Buchanan township, which he had purchased. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres near Clarinda, where he remained for three years, in the meantime disposing of both his eighty-acre farm and his place of one hundred and twenty acres. He also sold his farm of one hundred and forty acres and afterward bought two hundred and forty acres of land east of Clarinda, extending the boundaries of this place by additional purchase until it comprised two hundred and ninety-five acres. He afterward disposed of his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, then bought another tract of one hundred and sixty acres one mile south of Clarinda and subsequently purchased more land adjoining. He then traded his farm of two hundred and forty acres for one of one hundred and sixty acres three miles south of Clarinda, which he later sold. He now owns all of section 12, with the exception of eighty acres, and also has six hundred acres in Oklahoma. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is extensively engaged in buying, feeding and shipping horses and cattle and both branches of his business return to him a most gratifying annual income. His substantial and commodious barn has a capacity of two hundred tons of hay, two thousand bushels of shelled corn and two thousand bushels of oats and there are stalls for sixty-two horses. In 1907 he sold sixty head of horses for two hundred and fifty dollars a head, that being the world's record for that number of horses sold at one time. In 1908 he sold sixty head for two hundred and twenty-five dollars each, and 1909 the same number for the same amount. A man of keen discrimination, unremitting energy and sound judgment, he has won a large degree of prosperity in his undertakings and has long been numbered among the substantial, enterprising and leading agriculturists and stock raisers of the county.

On the 18th of February, 1886, in Clarinda, Mr. Davison was united in marriage to Miss Minie Rose Brooks, who was born in Page county, her parents being J. C. and Phoebe (Arnold) Brooks, the former a native of England and the latter of Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were born



six sons and four daughters, namely Tom, who is now deceased; Mrs. Clara Davison, whose husband follows farming in this county; Nora, who has also passed away; Mrs. Minnie Rose Davison; Willis, an agriculturist of Taylor county; Smith and Rome, who are engaged in farming in Page county; Arthur, who is deceased; Albert, an agriculturist of this county; and Mrs. Nellie Carmichael, whose husband is likewise a farmer of Page county. Mr. and Mrs. Davison have a daughter, Essie Pearl, who is now pursuing the classical course in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois.

Mr. Davison gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the community, having won the unqualified confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

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### HARRY E. EATON.

Harry E. Eaton is a western man by birth, training and preference and the spirit of enterprise and progress which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west is strong within him. He is today the secretary and treasurer of the Henry Field Seed Company of Shenandoah, Iowa, and is also a member of the Iowa State Board of Pharmacy.

His birth occurred in Newton, Jasper county, this state, on the 25th of July, 1867, his parents being Fred A. and Carrie (Hodges) Eaton, who were natives of Vermont and Ohio, respectively. The father came into Ohio as a young man and there met and married Miss Hodges. He remained in that state until 1856, when he removed westward to Jasper county, Iowa, with his wife and one child. There he resided on a farm for a half century and was one of the well known and successful stock buyers of that section of the state. He was also active and prominent in community affairs and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, elected him to the office of county recorder, in which he served for two consecutive terms. On the expiration of the last term, having then reached the age of seventy-six years, he retired from active life but is still living in Newton, a most honored and respected citizen of eighty years. His wife has reached the age of seventy-six years. They are consistent and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they shape their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Eaton is also prominent in Masonry, having attained the Knight Templar degree.

Harry E. Eaton was reared at home, acquiring his education in the Newton public schools and in the Iowa State University at Iowa City. He was graduated from the pharmaceutical department with the degree of Ph. G., with the class of 1892 and then accepted a position as pharmacist in Essex, Iowa, where he remained for six years. He had been in Essex for two years prior to entering college and after remaining there for four

years following his graduation he went to Denver, where he purchased a drug store. As the city was then in the throes of a financial panic he sold out after six months and returned to Essex, Iowa, where he purchased the drug store in which he had formerly served as pharmacist. He then conducted the business for eleven years and at length severed his connection with the enterprise because of ill health. In 1907 he came to Shenandoah to give his attention to the seed business, having formerly acquired an interest in the Henry Field Seed Company and before he sold his drug store he had been elected secretary and treasurer of the company. To this company he is now giving his energies with good results, his enterprise and progressive spirit proving effective forces in the growth of the company's business. In November, 1908, his duties were further augmented through an appointment to fill a vacancy as a member of the state board of pharmacy, in which official capacity he is now serving.

On the 5th of October, 1898, Mr. Eaton was married to Miss Martha Field, of Shenandoah, and they have one son, Robert Bruce. Mr. Eaton belongs to Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; to Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M., Bruce Commandery, No. 34, K. T., of Red Oak, Iowa; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. He likewise belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; to Juanita Lodge, No. 295, K. P.; and Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and while in Essex he was for years a member of the official board and treasurer of the church. He is now widely known in Page county as a representative and progressive citizen who in all business relations has enjoyed the confidence and trust of his fellowmen and in all social relations their high regard and warm esteem.

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#### DANIEL B. GOODMAN.

A complete history of the county records not only the lives of those who are now managing the machinery of government or pushing forward the wheels of progress, but those who have at any time been active factors in the life of the community. In this connection specific mention should be made of Daniel B. Goodman, who for many years was a resident and leading farmer of Nebraska township, there residing to the time of his death, which occurred September 1, 1908. He was born in Andrew county, Missouri, April 1, 1844, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Klingelsmith) Goodman.

His youthful days were quietly passed and when ten years of age he accompanied his brothers on their removal to Hawleyville, Iowa. In his youthful days he assisted his brothers in a blacksmith shop at Savannah, Missouri, and later at Hawleyville, remaining with them until seventeen years of age. In the meantime he had secured a fair education in the common schools and in 1861 in response to an early call for troops to aid in crushing out rebellion in the south, he offered his services to the government and en-

listed as a member of the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry. He was assigned to duty with company F and accompanied his regiment to Omaha. His war record is varied and extensive, for through the period of hostilities he remained at the front and was on active duty in many of the more important campaigns. While the regiment was quartered at Georgetown, Missouri, its members went out about twenty miles to the west and captured about a thousand rebels, who were on their way to join General Price. This occurred about the 1st of December, 1861. From Georgetown the troops proceeded to Fort Henry and participated in the capture of that Confederate stronghold. Subsequently they participated in the battle of Fort Donelson and during the succeeding three weeks were stationed at Fort Henry, Mr. Goodman and his company taking part in the battle of Pittsburg Landing on the 7th of April, 1862. He was also in the battle of Shiloh under General Lew Wallace and participated in the engagement at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, with the opposing army under rebel General Marmaduke, who had come there to capture the place. This occurred on the 26th of April, 1863. The Confederate officer, however, did not succeed in carrying out his plans and as he retreated the Union troops followed him for one hundred miles to Chalk Bluff, fighting almost day and night. In addition to the battles already mentioned Mr. Goodman participated in various skirmishes and figured in not a few remarkable episodes. He enlisted June 18, 1861, only about a month after Fort Sumter was fired upon, and, having veteranized, remained at the front until honorably discharged December 28, 1865. He was never away from his command nor was he on the sick list until he suffered an attack of rheumatism at Julesburg, Colorado, in April, 1865. The time of his service altogether was four years, six months and ten days, while his regiment served for a few days over five years. During the skirmish at Batesville, Arkansas, April 7, 1864, Mr. Goodman was taken prisoner but was paroled three hours later. Previous to his release, however, Captain Relleford ordered him blindfolded and shot and took one hundred and twenty-three dollars in money from him. Before the time for the execution came, however, his parole was granted but this circumstance made liberty much sweeter to him than it had ever been before, and what the object of the order was he could never ascertain. Not long after this Mr. Goodman was given a furlough of thirty days during which time he returned to his home and on its expiration rejoined his regiment at Omaha, Nebraska. Thus he was sent to guard the western frontier and he witnessed the execution of the Sioux chief, Two Face, who was trying to sell a white woman, whose husband and child he had killed, the Indian wishing to exchange the woman for seventeen horses. After more than four and a half years of active military duty Mr. Goodman was honorably discharged December 28, 1865.

After the war he devoted three years to blacksmithing in connection with his brothers and then established a home of his own by his marriage and turned his attention to farming. It was on the 6th of February, 1869, that he wedded Miss Matilda Jane Collier, a daughter of A. M. and Nancy (Asul) Collier. Mrs. Goodman was born in a log house on the bank of the river in Hawleyville, August 23, 1852, and so far as known, was the first white child

whose birth occurred in the village. Here she has always resided and her clear memory makes her an authority upon events of importance connected with this part of the county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goodman were born four children: Clyde, deceased; two who died in infancy; and Birdie Ina, who on the 20th of March, 1895, became the wife of Marshall Owen. They took up their abode with her parents and continue to reside with Mrs. Goodman. They have three children, Helene Ethel, Hobart, Goodman and Hildred Lillian.

After his marriage Mr. Goodman resided upon a farm which was a gift to his wife from her parents. As the years passed by and he prospered in his undertakings, he added to the original tract of forty acres and developed and improved one of the best farms in the community, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and adding many modern improvements thereto. He owned two hundred and fifty acres of land when he died and also had an interest in a store at Hawleyville, his widow yet owning the same interest.

In his political views Mr. Goodman was a stalwart republican, interested in the party and delighting in its success. He belonged to Warren Post, No. 11, G. A. R., also to the Orphans Hope Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. In the latter organization he filled all of the chairs and for over twenty years was treasurer of the lodge, filling that position at the time of his demise. While he did not seek to figure prominently in public affairs his life was one of signal usefulness and a benefit to the community, and his death was the occasion of wide spread regret because of the place which he had won for himself in the affectionate regard of the citizens of Hawleyville and his part of the county.

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### J. A. SWANSON.

J. A. Swanson is a prominent and successful representative of the financial interests of Page county, being the cashier and manager of the Farmers Savings Bank at Hepburn. His birth occurred in Henry county, Illinois, on the 29th of April, 1869, his parents being Jonas and Christina Swanson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. On emigrating to the United States in 1854 they first took up their abode in Illinois, in which state they continued to reside until 1871, when they came to Page county, Iowa. The father purchased a tract of land in Douglas township, this county, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1905, becoming widely recognized as a most prosperous agriculturist and enterprising citizen of his community. The mother, who has now attained the age of seventy-four years, still survives and lives in the village of Hepburn.

J. A. Swanson completed his education at Shenandoah, Iowa, and remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age. He then took up the study of telegraphy and was busily engaged as an operator for a period of sixteen years. At the end of that time he organized the Farmers

Savings Bank at Hepburn, Iowa, and is now serving as cashier and manager of the institution. He is a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and excellent executive ability and the success which has attended the bank is attributable in no small degree to his efforts. In addition to his banking interests he also has extensive landed holdings, owning one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Douglas township, eighty acres on section 9, Valley township, and a half interest in two hundred acres on sections 16 and 20, Valley township. He also has a fine residence in Hepburn, where he makes his home, and has gained wide and favorable recognition as one of the leading and substantial citizens of the county.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Swanson chose Miss Belle Murphy, a native of Missouri and a daughter of Warren and Elizabeth Murphy, who are now living in St. Joseph, that state. Mrs. Swanson was one of a family of five children born to her parents and by her marriage has become the mother of a daughter, Merle.

In his political views Mr. Swanson is an unfaltering republican but has no desire for the honors nor emoluments of office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private business affairs. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 482, at Hepburn, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church, with which his wife is also identified. He is interested in all that pertains to the county's progress and upbuilding, and his cooperation is given to many measures calculated to promote the general welfare.

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#### DAVID FRIEDMAN.

The growth and prosperity of a community does not depend upon its machinery of government or even upon the men who fill its public offices—although these are both factors in the general welfare—but rather upon the men who are active in business circles, in which connection David Friedman is well known, being the popular and enterprising proprietor of a clothing and men's furnishing goods store in Clarinda. He dates his residence in Page county since 1884, having come from Chicago. He is, however, a native of Austria, where he spent the first thirteen years of his life and then made the long voyage across the Atlantic to the United States. He had been a pupil in private educational institutions of Germany and he completed his education in night schools in America, remaining for a year in New York. It was in 1870 that he arrived on the shores of the new world and in the fall of 1871 he went to Pittsburg. While in the eastern metropolis he peddled collar buttons on Broadway but, though his start in business life was a humble one, he was ambitious and eagerly embraced every opportunity for advancement. After going to Pittsburg he became stock keeper in a wholesale clothing house but investigations into business conditions of the country convinced him that still better opportunities were to be enjoyed in the middle west and accordingly he made his way to Chicago, where he became con-

nected with the Morris Clothing Company, his association with that house covering ten years. Later he was with Willoughby Hill & Company for three years and from Chicago he came to Clarinda in 1884.

Here Mr. Friedman entered business as a member of the firm of P. H. Friend & Company and after three years spent in that way purchased the interest of Mr. Friend and has since carried on business alone as a dealer in clothing, men's furnishings and shoes. From the beginning he has prospered, his trade constantly increasing with the growth of this part of the state, his reliable business methods commending him to the confidence and support of the general public. His success is indicated in the fact that he has erected a three-story pressed brick building, twenty-five by one hundred and thirty feet, which is one of the finest business blocks in the city of Clarinda. He carries a large and well selected line of goods adequate to the demands of varied tastes and his earnest desire to please his patrons, together with his reliability in all mercantile transactions, has brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

On the 31st of January, 1883, in Mendota, Illinois, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Friedman and Miss Lena Friend, a daughter of Abraham Friend, a money broker of that place. They have become parents of three children: Rae H., now the wife of Max Kaufman, a merchant of Dubuque, Iowa; Florence, who is a student in Tarkio College of Missouri; and Maurice, who is attending school in Clarinda.

Mr. Friedman has never sought or desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and yet he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship nor does he hesitate to support the measures or movements which he deems will prove of general good. Fraternally he is both a Mason and a Knight of Pythias and has the genuine regard of many friends whom he has made in those orders.

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#### J. A. LAWSON.

J. A. Lawson, carrying on general farming and stock-raising is one of the self-made men of Page county who through his own labors has reached a creditable financial position, being now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable and productive farming land. He was born in Valley township on the 5th of December, 1864, a son of John and Mary A. (Wiseman) Lawson, natives of North Carolina and Illinois respectively. The father came to Page county in the early '50s and was numbered among the pioneer settlers of this district. He entered a homestead claim upon which he built a log cabin, and here he resided for some twenty-five years. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, as follows: Isaac, residing in Kansas; Henry, making his home in Valley township; Mattie, deceased; Caroline, also deceased; J. A., of this review; William, also of Valley township; and W. J., a resident of Nebraska. The parents are both deceased,

the father passing away April 27, 1886, while the mother survived until the 10th of May, 1907.

In the common schools of his native township J. A. Lawson acquired his education which, however, was somewhat limited, as the greater part of his time was devoted to assisting his father in the work of the farm. He remained at home until thirty years of age, when he laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own in his marriage to Mrs. M. E. Stephenson, who was born in Sweden on the 26th of April, 1852. She was the daughter of Andrew W. and Ellen (Westerblo) Johnson, also natives of Sweden. The father came to America in 1852 and first located in Henry county, Illinois. He was a carpenter by occupation and followed that trade up to the time of his death. The mother, who by her marriage became the mother of seven children, has also passed away. In former years, before her marriage, Mrs. Lawson taught school for some time and she was also a home missionary worker for ten years, being an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

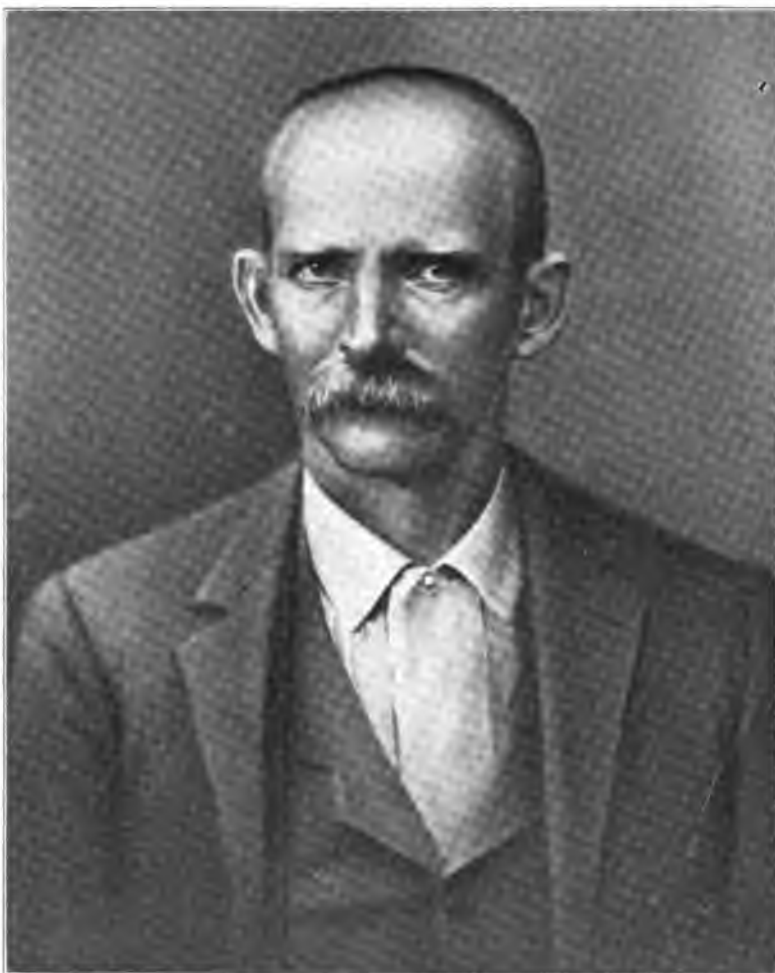
After his marriage Mr. Lawson operated a farm as a renter for about fifteen years, and he then purchased the farm upon which he now resides. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 18, Valley township, and is a finely developed property, the improvements thereon having almost entirely been placed there by Mr. Lawson. The farm is equipped with a comfortable house, good barns and outbuildings, and the air of neatness which pervades its premises bespeaks thrift and progressiveness on the part of the owner. Aside from general agricultural pursuits Mr. Lawson devotes some time to the raising and feeding of hogs, cattle and horses, and this branch of his business interests is proving a source of gratifying profit to him.

Politically Mr. Lawson gives stalwart support to the republican party, doing all in his power to extend its influence in the community. He is, however, no office seeker, preferring the role of a private citizen to that of public official. He is public-spirited, nevertheless, and all matters that pertain to general welfare and improvement are of interest to him. He started out in life empty-handed and has battled earnestly and energetically, and by indomitable courage and integrity, aided by his estimable wife, he has achieved a creditable place among the progressive and prosperous farmers of Valley township, well deserving the proud American title of a self-made man.

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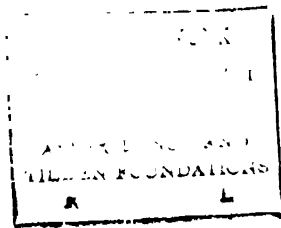
#### MRS. AUGUSTA HEFFNER.

Mrs. Augusta Heffner lives in Colfax township, where she owns two hundred acres of fine farm land. The fields are highly cultivated and the improvements upon the place are such as make this one of the desirable farm properties of the community. It was in this township that Mrs. Heffner was born February 15, 1857, her parents being Alexander and Ona



GEORGE W. HEFFNER





(Pierce) Montgomery. Her father was born in Washington county, Kentucky, pursued his education in the schools there and after arriving at years of maturity was married in that county to Miss Pierce, who was also born within its borders. They began their domestic life there but several years later removed to Buchanan county, Missouri, where they made their home for about eighteen months. The year 1851 witnessed their arrival in Page county, Iowa, at which time they settled in Colfax township. There were no neighbors for miles around and deer were frequently seen while wild game was to be had in great quantities. They traveled by wagon, bringing their household goods with them, and lived in the wagon until they could build a log house. This pioneer dwelling is still standing, being one of the old landmarks of the county. The farm was all raw land when it came into their possession but Mr. Montgomery at once began to clear and cultivate it, broke the prairie and soon developed productive fields. For a long time they lived in the log cabin but afterward a frame dwelling was erected which the family occupied until their removal to Clarinda, Iowa, where the father died at the age of sixty-two years. In the meantime he had prospered in his undertakings and had become the owner of six hundred acres of valuable land. His widow survived him for fifteen years and passed away at St. Joseph, Missouri. They were the parents of the following children: Zachary, now living in Indiana; Elizabeth, the wife of E. E. Cook, a resident of Shenandoah; James, who was the first white male child born in Page county and now a resident of Shenandoah; Julia, who is the widow of John Maxwell and makes her home in Coin; Augusta, now Mrs. Heffner; and William, deceased. There were also four other children who died in infancy.

Mrs. Heffner has spent her entire life in Colfax township, always living on a part of her father's land with the exception of one year. She attended the district schools and assisted in the work of the household. Farm life has enabled her to spend much of her time out of doors and thus she enjoys extraordinarily good health. She became the wife of George W. Heffner on the 28th of December, 1873, and they traveled life's journey happily together for twenty-eight years. Mr. Heffner was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, May 24, 1848, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Heffner, who were early settlers of that county and were of German descent. George W. Heffner attended school in his native county and also in Illinois. He afterward made his way westward and traveled over a number of different states until he finally settled in Page county, Iowa. He lived with Alexander Harris and for a time not only managed their business affairs but also discharged the duties of the household. It was in 1871 that Mr. Heffner arrived in Page county and in 1873 he won for his bride Miss Augusta Montgomery.

They became the parents of seven children: Wilson, the eldest, was born February 3, 1875, and now lives at Violet, Nebraska. He married Ora Hickman of Missouri, and they have five children: Carl, Ola, Georgia M., Glenn and Wallace. Ollie, born October 20, 1876, died June 24, 1889. Clara, born May 6, 1878, was married March 12, 1892, to Ernest Stum-

baugh and they now live in Page county with their three children—Linn, Roy and Glenn. Charles M., born November 1, 1879, was married December 26, 1905, to Frances Mann and with their two children, Shirley and Wallace, they reside in South Dakota. Fred, born November 5, 1881, married Maud Padley and lives at Hamilton, Montana. Inez, born September 28, 1883, is the wife of Frank Crane, living near Giltner, Nebraska, and they have one child, Boyd. Lura N., born October 7, 1890, was graduated from the Coin high school in the class of 1909 and is at home with her mother. The death of the husband and father occurred October 15, 1901, and his grave was made in the Coin cemetery. He left his family in comfortable financial circumstances and more than that he left to them the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

Mrs. Heffner and her daughter still reside upon the farm which she leases on shares. She attends the Methodist church of Coin, of which her parents were charter members, the first meeting of the congregation being held in the schoolhouse on Mr. Montgomery's farm. For more than a half century Mrs. Heffner has been a witness of the changes which have occurred in Page county. She was reared here upon the frontier and has lived to see a remarkable transformation as the county has become thickly settled with the homes of a contented and prosperous people. Its rich prairie makes it preeminently an agricultural district and yet there are in its midst many flourishing towns so that it is lacking in none of the advantages and opportunities which town life affords.

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#### ALFRED FALK.

Alfred Falk is the proprietor of the Boundary Grove Farm, one of the valuable properties of Nebraska township. Here he devotes his energies extensively to the raising of stock and also to the production of corn and his success indicates his sound judgment and his undaunted enterprise. He was born in Henry county, Illinois, December 4, 1862, his parents being John A. and Elizabeth Falk, both of whom were natives of Smoland, Sweden, where they were reared and married. On crossing the Atlantic to the United States they landed first in Rock Island, Illinois, in 1854 and afterward became residents of Henry county. In 1882 they arrived in Page county, Iowa, where their last days were passed. The father's surname was originally Anderson but owing to the fact that there were so many of the name in the locality in which he located and that it was with difficulty that he obtained the mail which was intended for him he changed his name to Falk.

Unto him and his wife were born ten children: Louise, who died in 1865; A. P., who is living in Council Bluffs; C. M., who died in 1906, leaving two daughters; Hannah, who is the widow of Andrew Shellburg, of Moline, Illinois, and the mother of a family who are a credit to her name, one son being a prominent lawyer; August, who enlisted from Rock Island,

Illinois, and died while in the services in the Civil war; J. F., who resides in Essex, Iowa; Lydia, who became the wife of Alfred Halburg, who conducted a store at Essex, but after his death she removed to Wakefield, Nebraska, where she is now living; Clara, the deceased wife of C. L. Larson; Nora, the wife of Rev. G. O. Gusteson of Red Oak, Iowa; and Alfred.

The last named spent the first twenty-four years of his life in the place of his nativity. He acquired his early education in the public schools and spent his youthful days in the usual manner of most lads of the period. When he was twenty years of age his father retired and left him to operate the farm of one hundred and sixty acres, following which time he conducted the property for four years alone. In 1886 he went to Essex, Iowa, to which place the family had preceded him, and purchased a farm southwest of the town comprising one hundred and sixty acres. This was the first property that he had ever owned. He lived upon that farm for five years and then traded it for a farm near Essex, on which he lived for four or five years, when he sold it. He then cultivated two hundred and forty acres of rented land for three years.

Prospering in his undertakings as time passed by, in 1901 Mr. Falk purchased his present farm of four hundred and eighty acres lying on sections 25 and 26, Nebraska township. There are excellent buildings upon it which were erected by him and the farm is today a very well improved property. There are three dwellings upon the place, one occupied by his son and another by his son-in-law, while the third is the family residence of Mr. Falk. He plants about two hundred and fifty acres of corn each year and usually harvests a large crop, but he feeds all he raises on his farm for he is an extensive dealer in live stock, selling about one hundred head of cattle, four hundred head of hogs and about a carload of horses each year. His place is known as the Boundary Grove Farm and the name is a synonym for progressiveness and successful accomplishments along agricultural lines in this county. Mr. Falk is also a stockholder in the Chautauqua and Fair Associations and makes annual exhibits of his stock at the Fair, where he has won many premiums.

Mr. Falk has been married twice. In 1883 he wedded Helen Wilhelmina Swanson, who was born in Sweden in 1863 and came with her parents to America when six years of age. She was a daughter of C. W. and Mary (Stroburg) Swanson, who became residents of Illinois, where the mother died but the father is now residing in Rio, that state. Mrs. Falk passed away in 1895, leaving three children: Elesef Marie, now the wife of W. E. Brown, who resides on her father's farm and by whom she has one child, Beulah; Arthur W., who married Candace Latherop and lives on his father's farm; and Leslie R., at home. For his second wife Mr. Falk chose Miss Eugenia Falk, whom he wedded in 1899. She was born in Page county, May 15, 1872, and is a daughter of C. A. and Cecilia C. (Hendrickson) Falk, who were natives of Sweden. The mother now resides in Fremont township, this county, while the father is deceased. There are no children of the second marriage but they have adopted a little daughter, Bernice, the child of Mrs. Falk's sister.

In his political views Mr. Falk is a stalwart republican and has served as trustee of his township. He was reared in the Lutheran church but his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church of Hawleyville and he aids in its support. His life has been one of diligence and usefulness, characterized by fidelity and activity in business affairs and by progressiveness in citizenship.

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#### ARTHUR LINDBURG.

Arthur Lindburg, among Page county's native sons whose records have been entirely creditable to the state, while their work has been of worth in the general development and upbuilding of the community, was born in Douglas township, June 24, 1871. He is a son of Abraham and Hannah (Wallin) Lindburg, both of whom were natives of Sweden, where they were reared and married. Soon afterward they came to the United States, settling in Henry county, Illinois, and for four or five years the father was employed in various ways in that locality. In 1870 he came to Page county, having previously purchased eighty acres of land in Douglas township. On his arrival here he took up his abode upon the farm where he lived for five years and then sold the property and purchased a farm of three hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township. He then removed to the latter place and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he retired from active life and removed to Essex, where he has since lived. He came to this country a poor man without funds and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as he is today one of the substantial residents of Page county. He is one of the heaviest stockholders in the Commercial National Bank and a member of its board of directors. His success has been honorably achieved, being the result of persistent, earnest effort, and his life record proves what can be accomplished by indefatigable industry. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and are held in the highest esteem by those who know them because their lives have been an exemplification of the highest principles of manhood and womanhood.

Arthur Lindburg, whose name introduces this review, spent his youthful days in his father's home and acquired his education in the public schools, supplemented by a commercial course in the Western Normal College at Shenandoah. At twenty-one years he engaged in the grocery and meat business in Essex, thus taking his first independent step in the business world. For ten years he conducted the enterprise with growing success and at the end of that time disposed of his store. In 1902 he was offered and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Commercial National Bank of Essex, in January, 1904, and he assumed the duties of cashier after two years or in January, 1906. He has since acted in this capacity, watching carefully over the interests of the institution, with which he is now thoroughly familiar in principle and detail.

On the 4th of April, 1896, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lindburg and Miss Hilda Falk of Essex, and unto them have been born six children: Earl,

Wallace, Frances, Bernard, Ernest and Joseph. The family circle yet remains unbroken and all are still under the parental roof. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and theirs is a hospitable home—a favorite resort with their many friends.

Mr. Lindburg has served as a member of the town council of Essex, being elected to the board when but twenty-six years of age. At the age of twenty-nine he was chosen chief executive of the city and his record in office was altogether a creditable one, being characterized by all that goes to make up a business like and progressive administration. It was under his administration that the present excellent system of waterworks was built. He worked for needed reforms and improvements and gave to his official duties the same care and fidelity which he has always bestowed upon his business interests. He has in his commercial and financial career sought success along the lines of close application, concentration of purpose and unfaltering diligence, and his record at all times has been such as will bear the closest inspection and scrutiny.

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#### JOHN SHOBERG.

The agricultural interests of Page county find a worthy and successful representative in John Shoberg, who is the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm on section 21, Pierce township. He was born in Sweden on the 1st of June, 1854, a son of Andrew and Anna (Johnson) Shoberg, who made their way to Henry county, Illinois, immediately after their arrival in the United States in 1870. The father was in limited financial circumstances and his passage money was loaned to him by a brother-in-law. After taking up his abode in Henry county he worked for a couple of years at whatever employment he could obtain and subsequently rented a tract of land and engaged in farming. Owing to his untiring and well directed labor he prospered in his undertakings and in a short time had accumulated sufficient capital with which to purchase a farm of his own, coming into possession of a tract of eighty acres. In 1880 he disposed of the property and went to McPherson, Kansas, buying a quarter section of land west of that place. A year later, however, he also sold that farm and came to Essex, Page county, Iowa, where for some years he engaged in general agricultural pursuits as a renter. Subsequently he purchased a tract of land of eighty acres in Pierce township, to which he later added fifty acres and on this farm of one hundred and thirty acres he continued to reside until 1896, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Essex. There he lived retired until called to his final rest, passing away on the 23d of December, 1906. He had made his home within the borders of this county for a quarter of a century and was well known as one of its most prosperous, esteemed and representative citizens. His widow, who still survives, is a resident of Essex. Unto this worthy couple were born two sons, John and Andrew M.

John Shoberg, who was a lad of sixteen years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, obtained most of his education in the common schools of his native land. His youth was one of unremitting toil, for the family was poor and when he could be spared on the home farm he worked for others in various capacities, thus earning enough money to buy his own clothes and support himself. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation of the home farm until the time of his marriage and subsequent to that important event in his life he remained on the home place for another year. He then accompanied his father to Kansas but remained there for only one summer and in the following fall came to Page county, Iowa. Being practically penniless, he found immediate employment a necessity and went to work husking corn. By dint of earnest labor and close economy he saved forty dollars in forty days and seven dollars of this sum was expended for household effects, including a table, some old chairs and a bed. His employer, Charles Carlson, went security for him for a cook stove. When the corn husking season was over he obtained a position in the elevator owned by Linderholm & Pendleton, receiving a wage of thirty dollars per month. His capability and trustworthiness was soon recognized and within a year he was managing the elevator at a salary of fifty dollars per month. He remained in the employ of Linderholm & Pendleton for about two years and then again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being engaged in the operation of a rented farm for four years. He was then offered a remunerative position as engineer in the Essex Roller Mills and, accepting the same, was thus employed for a period of seven years and four months. During this time he had purchased a block of town property and also a forty-acre farm in Pierce township and on resigning his position in the mills he gave his attention to the cultivation of his farm. A short time afterward he traded this farm and his town property for his present place on section 21, Pierce township, on which he has made his home since 1899. He has rebuilt the fences and has placed many substantial improvements on the property, so that it is now lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century.

Mr. Shoberg has been married twice. In 1878 he wedded Miss Augusta Englund, of Henry county, Illinois, by whom he had one child, Alice, now the wife of Ludwig Falk, of Fremont township, Page county. Mrs. Augusta Shoberg was called to her final rest in 1893 and in March, 1895, Mr. Shoberg was again married, his second union being with the widow of Nels Munson, who in her maidenhood was Miss Ida Ring. They have become the parents of five children, as follows: Edith M. E., Pearl A. C., Bernard C. J., Helen V. V. and Laurine V. R. Mrs. Shoberg had one child by her former marriage, Sadie Munson, who is a graduate of the Lindsborg (Kansas) College, received a life's certificate and is now teaching in the Essex high school.

Politically Mr. Shoberg is a stalwart republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. He is now serving for the second term as a member of the board of trustees of Pierce township. He was a member of the town council

of Essex while living there and served on the school board for seven or eight years, while for the past six years he has been president of the board. Fraternally he is identified with Essex Camp, M. W. A. His genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character have won him the unbounded confidence and esteem of the entire community and the respect and admiration of all with whom he has come in contact. His example should serve to encourage others who start out in life as he did—without capital—for his history shows what may be accomplished when one has the perseverance to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles, wresting fortune from the hand of fate.

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### H. S. SWANSON.

H. S. Swanson is president and general manager of the Swanson Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, and is also an inventor of considerable note, his genius in that direction being manifest in several practical and beneficial results. He is a native of Sweden, born October 1, 1867. His parents were Henry and Sophia Swanson, also natives of Sweden, who came to the United States in 1882. The father conducted business in his native land as a lumberman and farmer and on crossing the Atlantic to the western world he made his way into the interior of the country, locating in Pottawatomie county, Kansas, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. For nine or ten years he resided upon and cultivated that property and then removed to Marshall county, Kansas, where he made his home up to the time of his death. His widow still survives and resides in Shenandoah.

H. S. Swanson was reared on the home farm. He was fourteen years of age at the time of the removal to America and his education, begun in the schools of his native country, was continued in the public schools of the United States. He also spent one term as a student in Bethany College at Lindsburg, Kansas, and at the Atchinson Business College at Atchinson, Kansas, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891. He then engaged in the agricultural implement business at Irving, Kansas, and four years later he opened a branch house at Frankfort, Kansas, conducting the two houses until the fall of 1901, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of agricultural implements at Blue Rapids, Kansas. There he remained in business until June, 1903, when his manufacturing department was washed away by flood and the water power of the town destroyed.

In the fall of 1903 Mr. Swanson arrived in Shenandoah and organized the Swanson Manufacturing Company. In the short period of six years the business under his management has been increased from forty thousand to two hundred thousand dollars annually and is yet growing with substantial and gratifying rapidity, being one of the manufacturing industries of this city which is proving a gratifying success. The firm manufactures a specialty for listed corn cultivators, hay stakers and portable grain elevators,



shovel cultivators, disc harrows, etc., and the output of the house finds a ready sale upon the market. Mr. Swanson is the inventor of a flying Swede corn cultivator, which is a radical departure from former cultivators and a decided success. He is also the inventor of the Lay Bye corn cultivator, which cultivates the corn in three plowings. He possesses marked mechanical ingenuity and his ability in management is displayed in the excellent success which has attended the manufacturing company which he organized.

In 1898 Mr. Swanson was married to Miss Emma Gould, of Blue Rapids, Kansas, and they have two children, Marguerite and Arbury E. In his political views Mr. Swanson has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Irving, Kansas, and in Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E. He is a man of determined and resolute spirit, knowing that persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy will do more to win success than any number of plans or brilliant theories. He possesses many of the sterling characteristics of his race and bears an unassailable reputation for business integrity.

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#### G. W. PETERSON.

G. W. Peterson, devoting his time and attention to general farming on section 7, Tarkio township, well developed fields being a clear indication that his labors are intelligently directed, was born in Hamilton county, Iowa, September 18, 1871. His parents were Olaf P. and Sarah (Nelson) Peterson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The mother came to the United States in 1852 with her parents when but seven years of age, the family home being established in Knoxville, Illinois. Olaf P. Peterson arrived in this country as a young man during the period of the Civil war and soon afterward, entering the government employ, was sent to Tennessee. He was one day inspecting a boiler when parties, forgetting that he was thus employed, turned on the steam and his life was almost terminated thereby. However, he recovered and continued to work for the government until the close of the war, after which he went to Knoxville, Illinois, where he formed the acquaintance of Sarah Nelson, whom he afterward married. They removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, but later returned to Knoxville, Illinois, where they lived for two years, and then, in 1874, came to Page county, settling in Fremont township. Year by year Mr. Peterson carefully tilled his farm and conducted a successful business in the line of general agriculture until 1906, when, with a handsome competence, he retired and took up his abode in Essex. He still owns his farm of one hundred and sixty acres and his property is the visible evidence of his life of diligence and unfaltering perseverance.

G. W. Peterson spent his youthful days in his father's home and acquired his education in the common schools. He was twenty-three years of age when, in 1894, he began farming on his own account on land which he leased.

For seven years he thus cultivated the fields and during that period carefully saved his earnings until, in 1901, he was enabled to purchase eighty acres lying just across the road from the farm which he leased. He continuously operated the two hundred acres on which he resides until a recent date, since which time he has rented to others both his own farm and his father-in-law's farm, which he had himself leased and tilled for twelve years. His labors have been fruitful, bringing to him well merited reward, and not only is he numbered among the farmers of affluence but is also connected with financial interests in the county as one of the stockholders in the Farmers Savings Bank of Essex.

On the 11th of December, 1895, Mr. Peterson took to his home as his bride Miss Minnie M. Johnson, a daughter of Mack L. Johnson, who is now living retired in Essex. Four children were born unto them but only two are now living: Olive and Clifford. The parents hold membership in the Swedish Mission church in Essex, in which Mr. Peterson is one of the trustees and cashier. Their home is a hospitable one, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

In politics Mr. Peterson is a democrat and has served as road boss and also as school director for several years. His aid and influence are always on the side of progress and improvement, and he stands for whatever tends to promote the general welfare. He largely finds his recreation in motoring and is an enthusiast on the subject, owning a Buick car. Although he started out in life for himself without capital, his course has been marked by orderly progression and the years have chronicled his success which, resulting from its concentration of purpose and his carefully directed industry, has made him one of the substantial farmers of Page county.

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### J. CALE GUTHRIE.

J. Cale Guthrie, owner and proprietor of the Alba Dairy, the model institution of this kind of the United States, was born at Coin, this county, on the 19th of March, 1882, his parents being William A. and Isabelle (Sewall) Guthrie, natives of New York and Quincy, Illinois, respectively. The father was born about thirty miles south of the city of Rochester and, coming to the Mississippi valley, settled in Iowa in 1865. For four years he resided in Marshall county and in 1869 came to Page county, purchasing a farm in Lincoln township, on which he resided for thirty-nine years. In the spring of 1908 he retired from active life and removed to Coin, where he now makes his home, his long connection with agricultural interests and his untiring activity bringing to him a comfortable competence that now supplies him with all of the necessities and some of the luxuries of life. His wife came to Iowa about 1875 on a visit to a sister who was a neighbor of Mr. Guthrie and it was during that period she became acquainted with him and four years later, or in 1879, they were united in marriage. Mr. Guthrie is now sixty-seven years of age, while his wife has reached the age

of sixty-two years. Both are consistent members of the United Presbyterian church and are interested and active in its work, Mr. Guthrie having served for a number of years as a member of the official board of the church. He has been also a prominent factor in the cause of prohibition in Page county for years and has been the party's nominee for various offices. He is a stanch advocate of temperance, doing all in his power to abolish the use of intoxicants both by prestige and example.

J. C. Guthrie spent his youthful days as a farm boy and acquired his early education in the district schools, while his preparatory course was pursued at Amity College in the town of College Springs, Iowa. Later he spent four years in study in the Iowa State College at Ames, where he took special work in dairying. He completed the course with the class of 1906 and for a year thereafter he had charge of the dairy extension work of the college. He was then sent to the dairy division of the United States department of agriculture, his work taking him to Tennessee and Kentucky. He traveled throughout every portion of those states and to some extent over other sections of the United States.

In the spring of 1908, Mr. Guthrie returned to Page county and took charge of his father's farm, which he is now operating. He resided there until November, 1908, when he removed to Shenandoah, where he intends to make his future home. In the fall of that year he began the erection of his model dairy buildings, just within the city limits of Shenandoah, and his is said to be the finest dairy in the United States, operated after the most modern, sanitary and scientific methods. He certainly deserves to be rewarded with substantial success in this venture and already is accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 21st of December, 1907, Mr. Guthrie was married to Mrs. Carolyn Miller, nee Middleton, of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Guthrie belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., and to the United Presbyterian church, while in politics he is independent. He is one of the representative and progressive citizens among the younger business men of Shenandoah, belonging to that class upon which the future growth and progress of the city rests.

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#### ALBERT V. HUNT.

The place which Albert V. Hunt has occupied in business circles in Clarinda during the past decade is no inconsequent one. He was, through much of this period, closely, actively and successfully connected with general agricultural interests but is now engaged in the real estate business and is making rapid progress in that line. He started upon the journey of life at Onargo, Iroquois county, Illinois, January 6, 1859, and is a son of George and Mary (Riner) Hunt. The father was a farmer by occupation and through the tilling of the soil provided a fair living for his family and gave to them good educational privileges. Albert V. Hunt was a youth of

seven years when his parents removed from Illinois to Kansas, settling at Ottawa, where he pursued his education as a public-school student for nine years. He then returned to Illinois at the age of sixteen years, spending the succeeding three years in his native state, and when a young man of nineteen he came to Taylor county, Iowa, where he began farming. In the succeeding eight years he was connected with agricultural pursuits in that locality, during which period he was married to Miss Agnes Aiton on the 13th of July, 1881. She was a daughter of William Aiton, a farmer of that district.

In 1888 Mr. Hunt removed to Newmarket, Taylor county, and putting aside agricultural interests became connected with commercial pursuits. Establishing a drug store, he conducted it for four years and then entered the field of general merchandising. He also bought and sold grain and in the latter undertaking he was joined by G. E. Clayton. This partnership existed until 1898, when Mr. Hunt sold out and removed to Clarinda, believing that there was an advantageous field for business in this city. Here he established the store of Hunt & Clayton, which was thus continued for five years, at the end of which time the business was incorporated under the firm style of the Hunt & Clayton Company, his partner being G. E. Clayton. For nine years Mr. Hunt remained as a member of the firm, conducting a business of large and growing proportions, the extent of the trade making the enterprise a profitable one. In January, 1909, they sold out and entered the field of real estate operations, in which they had been previously engaged for three years. They were more and more largely concentrating their energies upon that work and now their entire time is given to the conduct of a real estate, loan and fire insurance business. Although they have now carried on the business for less than a year their previous record was sufficient to commend them to the public and already they have handled many important realty propositions, negotiated various large property transfers, and are doing a business which is hardly second to any in the city.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been born two daughters: Clarice, now the wife of B. C. Cramer, a merchant of Clarinda; and Grace, the wife of Dr. E. R. Harrison, who is successfully practicing dentistry in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in its work, Mr. Hunt serving on the official board. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and while he does not seek nor desire office, he is thoroughly in sympathy with the party platform, believing the issues which it advocates to be of great importance in the welfare of the city and county.

Fraternally Mr. Hunt is a Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a prominent representative of the Knights of Pythias, is a past chancellor of the local lodge and is now acting district grand deputy. Realizing the value of concerted and organized effort, he became one of the founders of the Commercial Club, instituted to develop the business interests of Clarinda, and at the present writing is serving on its executive board. He is a man of keen discernment, and his

executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he has been connected a large degree of success. Moreover, he has displayed in the conduct of his business interests those traits of character which ever command regard and confidence, and he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests.

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ALONZO LOVITT.

Alonzo Lovitt, the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Page county, is now a retired farmer living in Coin. For many years his life was one of intense and well directed activity as he carried on general agricultural pursuits and the years of his labor brought to him the competence that now enables him to live in well merited ease.

His birth occurred in Licking county, Ohio, on the 28th of December, 1848, his parents being Price and Mary (Grigsby) Lovitt. The paternal grandparents were John and Anna Lovitt. About the year 1852 Mr. and Mrs. Price Lovitt removed from Ohio to Illinois, where the father of our subject successfully carried on farming until he passed away, being the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Henderson county, that state, at the time of his demise. His widow still survives and makes her home in Henderson county, Illinois. They reared a family of eleven children, as follows: Sarah, the deceased wife of John Chalmer; Oliver; John; Alonzo, of this review; Clarissa, who has also passed away; Cordelia, the wife of Axel Nordstrom; Frances, the deceased wife of Milton Kern; Marion; Selina, who gave her hand in marriage to John Cooper; Viola, the wife of Oliver Moore; and Jessie.

In his youthful days Alonzo Lovitt attended the district schools in pursuit of an education but was only able to prosecute his studies there for a few months in the winter season, as his assistance was needed in the work of the home farm during the rest of the year. When in his twentieth year he attended his last term of school, and after attaining his majority he came to Page county, Iowa, and here started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres. He has since made his home in this county and throughout his active business career was successfully and energetically identified with the work of the fields, meeting with a gratifying and commendable degree of prosperity in his farming operations. As the years passed by and his financial resources increased he added to his landed holdings by additional purchase until at the present time he is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of Iowa's rich and fertile soil. Since 1906 he has been living retired at Coin, now enjoying the fruits of his former toil in a handsome and modern home which he erected in 1908.

On the 7th of December, 1876, Mr. Lovitt was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Lucinda Hays, a daughter of John and Rachel (Richards)

Hays, who were natives of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. They were married in that county but afterward took up their abode in Henderson county, Illinois, where Mrs. Hays passed away. John Hays followed the trade of carpentering in early manhood but later turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, with which line of activity he is still connected, now making his home in northwestern Nebraska. Mrs. Hays died at the home of her daughter, near Coin. Unto them were born the following children: James; Mrs. Lovitt; Mary Ann, now the wife of John D. Linder; Newton; Mina, the wife of Walter Griffith; and Ruth, who gave her hand in marriage to Lincoln Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Lovitt have a family of four children, namely: Florence, the wife of Burton Hutchison, of Center, Colorado; Albert, living in Page county, who wedded Miss Cliff E. Whitmore, by whom he has a daughter, Ruth; and Agnes and Mary, who are still under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. Lovitt is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democracy. He and his family belong to the Methodist church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. The period of his residence in this county now covers four decades and he is well known and highly esteemed within its borders as a most substantial and representative citizen.

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### C. H. LILJEDAHL.

C. H. Liljedahl, who occupies a foremost place among the leading and representative agriculturists of Page county, is also engaged to some extent in stock raising and is one of the extensive landowners of Pierce township, while public opinion accords him a high place among the valued and influential citizens of the community. As the name indicates, he is of Swedish origin, his birth having occurred in Sweden on the 13th of January, 1865. He is a son of John and Mary (Peterson) Liljedahl, who were also born across the waters, where they were reared and married. The father came to the United States in 1869, his wife and three children joining him the following year. Settlement was made in Moline, Rock Island county, Illinois, where he secured employment in the coal mines, being thus engaged until 1873. In that year he came to Page county, Iowa, locating in Fremont township, and in conjunction with two brothers, Frank and Gustaf, purchased eighty acres of land. Later they severed their connection and John Liljedahl removed to Pierce township, where his remaining days were spent. He became the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of property, most of which lay in Pierce township, and he had also accumulated quite a substantial fortune. He passed away in 1901 at the age of sixty-four years, while his wife died in 1892 when fifty-two years old.

It was in Pierce township that C. H. Liljedahl of this review was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. He remained at home until his twenty-fourth year, assisting his father in the work of the farm and early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, plant-

ing and harvesting, while in the school of experience he learned lessons concerning the value of energy, industry and perseverance. In the year mentioned, thinking to establish a home of his own, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Carlson, of Essex, and the young couple began their domestic life on a farm in West township, Montgomery county, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, which had been purchased for Mr. Liljedahl by his father. He continued in the operation of that farm for four years, when he sold it and purchased three hundred and seventy-seven acres in Sherman township, Montgomery county. There he resided for seven years and then he again sold out and became the owner of four hundred and forty acres of his present farm located on section 23, Pierce township, Page county. He established his home upon this property, to the further improvement and cultivation of which he at once directed his entire time and attention. During the intervening years he has been signally successful in his farming and he has added to his place until his farm now consists of six hundred and sixteen acres, constituting one of the extensive and valuable farming properties in Page county. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and in connection therewith has for several years given considerable attention to stock, feeding from one to three carloads of cattle annually. Both branches of his business—the raising of grain and the raising of stock—are carried on along up-to-date and progressive lines and are proving gratifying sources of income, his prosperity being due to his close application and good business management.

As time passed six sons came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Liljedahl, namely: J. Mauritz, Harry C., Julius F., Paul T., Robert E. and George, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. Since becoming an American citizen Mr. Liljedahl has given stanch allegiance to the republican party and he is now serving his second term as township clerk. He and his wife are both members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Liljedahl is serving as secretary of the board. Although not American born, nevertheless he is stanch in his loyalty to his adopted country and is thoroughly identified with every interest tending to promote the welfare of the community. He is a man who has made good use of his opportunities, forging his way to a foremost place among the substantial farmers of Page county, and no man in his section of the county is held in higher esteem than is Mr. Liljedahl.

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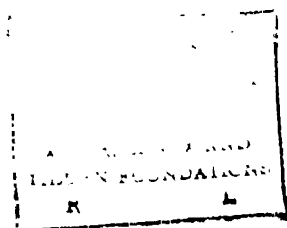
#### FRED BOLES.

Death claimed Fred Boles on the 24th of January, 1905, and East River township lost one of its representative citizens and progressive farmers. He was a resident of the county from 1870 and throughout that period had manifested all the sterling traits of the loyal citizen and reliable business man. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1838, and was a son of Cyrus and Sarah A. (Boston) Boles. The father was a na-



MR. AND MRS. FRED BOLES





tive of Trumbull county, while the mother's birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They removed to Michigan when their son Fred was only a year old and remained residents of that state for four years, after which they went to Wisconsin, where they maintained their residence for three years. During the succeeding five years they made their home in Cass county, Illinois, and afterward were again residents of Pennsylvania until 1884.

During his boyhood and youth Fred Boles was employed in various ways whereby he might provide an honest living for himself. He was thrown upon his own resources at the age of fourteen and after that had no opportunity to continue his education, which up to this time had been acquired in the public schools. In the school of experience, however, he learned many valuable lessons and gained also practical information which served him well in all the duties of life that afterward befell him. In the year 1854 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, where he remained until the spring of 1855, when he resumed his westward journey, traveling through Iowa to Minnesota. He spent about two years in the two states and then returned to Illinois, settling in Cass county. He had been living there for three years when the Civil war was inaugurated, and when it was seen that the conflict was to be no mere holiday affair he offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1861 as a member of Company G, Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He was with the regiment the greater part of the time on active duty in the south and at the close of his term of enlistment received an honorable discharge and returned to Cass county, Illinois. There he resumed farming on his own account, for in the meantime his parents had returned to Pennsylvania. From that time until his death his attention was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and, realizing that energy and earnestness are the basis of success, he labored diligently and unfalteringly with the purpose in view of obtaining a comfortable competence for his family.

It was on the 10th of March, 1869, that Mr. Boles was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Lacy, a daughter of John and Mary W. (Emerson) Lacy, who were natives of England and came to this country about the year 1844. They settled in Illinois and Mrs. Boles was born in Morgan county, that state, on the 17th of October, 1847, so that she was twenty-one years of age at the time of her marriage. Unto them have been born five children: Alma, who was born February 2, 1872, and is the wife of Ira Shortridge, a resident of Greeley, Colorado; Hulda, who was born January 20, 1874, and is the wife of Samuel Hutcheson, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Ned D., who was born December 24, 1876, and is living in Greeley, Colorado; Archie, who was born July 20, 1878, and died April 9, 1907; and Anna R., who was born May 11, 1882, and is at home.

In the winter of 1870 Mr. Boles came to Page county and located on a farm midway between College Springs and Braddyville in Amity township. There he secured eighty acres of land, which he improved and cultivated, making his home thereon until 1882, when he sold that property and bought

a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in East River township. There he resided until his death, January 24, 1905, and his widow yet maintains the ownership of the farm although she has resided in Shambaugh since the winter of 1906. Mr. Boles was an energetic and progressive farmer, who carefully tilled the soil and kept in touch with modern, progressive methods of agriculture. He was a member of the Masonic order and both himself and wife belonged to the Methodist church. In his political views he was a republican but was not active in politics, preferring to lead a quiet home life, his attention being given to the development of his farm and to the enjoyment of the pleasures of the home circle. While he did not seek to figure prominently in public life he was recognized as a man of genuine worth and he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

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### C. E. ELLISON.

C. E. Ellison, the proprietor of the Orchard Grove Fruit Farm, which name indicates the specialty of his interests in the tilling of the soil, was born in Monroe county, Iowa, December 8, 1852, and is the eldest in a family of four living children whose parents were Thomas and Katharine (Elder) Ellison. The father was born in England and after coming to the new world established his home in Monroe county, Iowa. He was there living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and in response to the call for troops he joined the Eighth Iowa Cavalry and served for three years. He then returned home but died in Missouri two or three years after the war. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania and they became the parents of eight children, of whom four died in childhood. The others are: C. E. Ellison, of this review; J. W., who is living in Albany, Oregon; I. E., a resident of Wisconsin; and Mrs. Mary C. Moss, whose home is in Monroe county, Iowa. After losing her first husband Mrs. Ellison became the wife of John Burt and unto them were born three sons: George H., now deceased; William L., who is living in Ottumwa, Iowa; and Fred, whose home is in Minnesota.

During the period of his boyhood C. E. Ellison accompanied his parents on their removals to Wapello and Mahaska counties. In those two counties and in his native county he resided from the period of his birth until 1881, when he came to Page county and took up his abode on his present farm, which constitutes one hundred and twenty acres of rich and well cultivated land on sections 23 and 26, East River township. It is known as the Orchard Grove Farm and is well improved with good buildings, all of which were erected by Mr. Ellison. Here he pays considerable attention to fruit and also carries on general farming. In all of his work he is practical, readily seeing the needs and the opportunities of the place, meeting the former while improving the latter. When he took up his abode here in 1881 there was a little one-story house, fourteen by twenty-four feet, upon the place. Now they have various good buildings, including

a substantial residence. The farm has also been fenced by Mr. Ellison, who has converted it from a wild tract into one of rich fertility. There was nothing but wild grass upon it but he at once began its improvement, not only for the purposes of cultivation but also to enhance its attractive appearance. He set out a fine grove of catalpa trees which had been raised from the seed that he brought with him. Four of these fine trees are about a foot in diameter. He also has evergreens, European cutleaf and the weeping birch. He likewise has an apple orchard of thirteen acres, all of which he set out, and he takes great pride in his trees, which constitute one of the most attractive features in the landscape.

In 1877 Mr. Ellison was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Miller, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 26th of February, 1856, and there resided until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry Clay and Angeline (Harper) Miller, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The father died in 1863 but the mother now resides in Eddyville, Iowa. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Ellison; Roy, who died at the age of nine years; and Fred, who is living in Eddyville, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have been born eleven children: Eva May, now the wife of James Stirk, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; Wilber C., who is living in Nodaway township; Ethel M., the wife of Firman Hughes, who is located near Page Center, Page county; Nellie A., the wife of Fred Handorf, of Yorktown, Iowa; Lula Pearl, who is a trained nurse, now in Guthrie, Oklahoma; Floyd, at home; Amy D.; Nina V.; John Edward; Flora H.; and Fred Wayne.

Mr. Ellison is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his associations being with the lodge at Clarinda. He does not take a very active part in public interests, however, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is a native son of Iowa and for more than a half century has been a witness of its development and progress. Throughout the entire period he has been more or less closely associated with farming interests and that his ideas are practical and his labors unremitting is shown in the success which he has achieved.

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#### GEORGE F. COTRILL.

Working earnestly and indefatigably to secure the success which is now his, George F. Cotrill has become widely and favorably known as a leading contractor and builder of Shenandoah. There have been no unusual or exciting chapters in his life history but it is the story of one who through honest thrift and industry has gained the respect of his fellowmen as well as the substantial reward of labor. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, November 13, 1848. His father, John Cotrill, was a native of Virginia and a millwright by trade, following that occupation and also the business of milling throughout his entire life. In 1856 he removed to De Kalb

county, Indiana, where he spent the remaining years of his life. In early manhood he wedded Mary E. Brown, a native of Ohio.

George F. Cotrill spent his youthful days in his parents' home, acquiring his education in the public schools, thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1879 he came west to enter upon his business career and on arriving in Page county, Iowa, found a comparatively wild and unbroken district. He was on the present site of Shenandoah soon after the sale of town lots was held and before the construction of any buildings was begun. There had not been an acre of land broken between Miller's Station and Nanti and there were many evidences of frontier life to be seen. However, the country was soon to become settled up by a class of intelligent, enterprising people who, realizing the opportunities that the west afforded, had resolved to utilize them for their own benefit. Mr. Cotrill was here on the organization of Grant township, the election being held at the residence of John F. Porter, two miles north of Shenandoah, at which time there were but twenty-one voters in the district. In the intervening years Mr. Cotrill has witnessed all of the changes which have been wrought and which constitute the history of the county in its material, political, intellectual and moral progress. He has from the beginning been accounted one of the reliable and enterprising citizens, for, though he had but eighty-seven cents in his pocket when he reached this portion of Iowa, he possessed resolute purpose, determined energy and undaunted resolution—substantial qualities which never fail to win in the end. In his early manhood, while in Indiana, he had served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade under a brother and on coming to Iowa he continued his work at this trade for three years as a journeyman carpenter. He then began contracting and building on his own account and has since been identified with that line of business to the present time. His labors have been a potent element in the improvement and adornment of Shenandoah and the surrounding country. During his residence here he has seen the virgin prairie transformed into a modern city with paved streets and all substantial improvements. In fact it is acknowledged to be the best city of its size in Iowa. In its upbuilding Mr. Cotrill has been a dominant factor. There is probably no one man who has done more in this line than Mr. Cotrill, who has taken great pride in his work, knowing that his efforts in this direction would do much to make or mar the appearance of Shenandoah. He has at all times kept in touch with the progress that has been made in architectural lines and his work has been of a most satisfactory character. Moreover, he was one of the organizers of the Lake & Cotrill Brick & Tile Company and at the beginning was elected president of the company, in which capacity he has since served, actively controlling its affairs and contributing in substantial measure to its success. He is also the president of the Home Building & Loan Company—the one organization that has done more than any other to advance the interests of this progressive little city. He is also a stockholder and director of the Shenandoah National Bank. His worth is most widely acknowledged for in all things he has been practical and yet has ever looked forward to the city's substantial improvement.

doing everything in his power to build along lines of permanency and beauty. In his business affairs he has prospered, and yet his success has never depended upon the wreck of other men's fortunes. It has been in the legitimate lines of trade and through earnest, persistent effort that he has reached the place which he now occupies as one of the substantial men of Shenandoah.

In 1899 Mr. Cotrill was married to Miss Grace Alden of this city. They occupy an enviable position in social circles and their own home has ever been attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and generous hospitality. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cotrill are active and helpful members of the Baptist church and he is serving as a member of the official board. Mr. Cotrill had the contract for building the church and into his work put his whole heart because of his deep interest in the organization. He is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; and Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M., while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has been called to various offices, serving as assessor of the town in 1874 and 1875, while in 1880 he was again elected for a two years' term and reelected in 1883, so that his incumbency in that office covers six years—his reelection standing as incontrovertible evidence of his ability and the confidence reposed in him by the public. He was a member of the town council from 1892 to 1895 inclusive, was again elected in 1897, serving for two years, and in 1899 was once more called to the office for a two years' term. In 1902 he was elected mayor of Shenandoah, and filled the office for two years, his administration being characterized by progressiveness, by practical reform and needed improvement. He was careful of expenditure and yet did not believe in an economy that restricts progress. At all times he has been a public-spirited citizen, giving valuable aid to measures for the general good and seeking the material, political, intellectual and social and moral progress of the city. His personal worth has gained him the warm regard of many friends, the number of whom increases as the circle of his acquaintance is extended.

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#### ROBERT A. SANDERSON.

Robert A. Sanderson, whose splendid business ability is indicated in his successful control and management of extensive farming interests and also as the president of the Farmers Savings Bank, of Essex, has in his business life shown much of the initiative spirit in formulating new plans and carrying them forward to successful completion and also coordinating forces and bringing apparently dissimilar interests into a unified whole. A native of Illinois, he was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, on the 29th of July, 1866, and is a son of William and Margaret (Wells) Sanderson, both of whom were natives of County Monaghan, Ireland, where they were reared, but were married in Boston, Massachusetts, soon after coming to the United States. They established their home in Jo Daviess county, Illi-

nois. The father was a poor man, with no capital to aid him in making a start in the new world, and for some eight years he worked on farms by the month. He was ambitious, however, to own property and engage in business for himself and, carefully saving his earnings, he at length purchased eighty acres of land and began farming. He prospered in his undertakings as the years passed and in later life added to his holdings from time to time until he had acquired five hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. He died in February, 1909, at the age of seventy-three years, and is still survived by his widow, who is living on the home farm at the age of about sixty-six years. In politics Mr. Sanderson was a staunch republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, but was never an office seeker. Both he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church, and the sterling qualities of his character Mr. Sanderson displayed in his business activity, in his relations to the public and in his social and home life as well.

Robert A. Sanderson was only nine years of age when he left the parental roof and took up his abode with his great-uncle, James Martin, who resided in Essex. His uncle had no children and Mr. Sanderson was reared and loved as a son in his household. Mr. Martin had become a resident of Page county in 1876. He emigrated from Ireland, his native country, and unlike most of his countrymen who come to the new world, he was a man of means when he crossed the deep Atlantic and on establishing his home in Essex he associated himself with B. M. Webster in loaning money and in the real-estate business. In this department of activity he met with very substantial prosperity and amassed a fortune. He died in June, 1891, while his wife, Mrs. Jane Martin, passed away in September, 1891. At the death of Mr. Martin Mr. Sanderson was made the sole beneficiary.

Reared in Essex, Robert A. Sanderson acquired his education in the public schools of the town, where he enjoyed good advantages and also received thorough business training from his uncle, who owned and operated five hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining the town. For two years prior to the death of his uncle, who was then in ill health, he had the care and control of the farm and soon demonstrated his business ability in its capable management and in the success which attended his efforts. He lives in a commodious and handsome residence in the outskirts of Essex and owns eight hundred and sixty acres of land in Pierce township, together with one thousand acres in eastern Colorado. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Savings Bank of Essex and was made president of the institution, in which position he has since served.

On the 12th of September, 1893, Mr. Sanderson was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Stearns, a daughter of Dr. A. M. Stearns of Essex, and unto them were born four children, of whom three are yet living: Gail, Janice and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is a trustee. They contribute generously to its support and are interested in its various activities.

Mr. Sanderson's study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give his allegiance to the republican party and he has served

on the board of councilmen in Essex and also as a member of the school board. He is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the town, giving hearty cooperation to many measures and movements which benefit the community. In all affairs relative to the good of the community he is influential as it is well known that his leadership is such as promotes progress and substantial improvements. He is a man of forceful character and marked individuality, who is leaving the impress of his labors for good upon the community.

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### J. ALFRED JOHNSON.

J. Alfred Johnson needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he is well known in Page county not only by reason of the gratifying success which he has attained along business lines but also because of his deep and helpful interest in the affairs of the community in which he has resided. Born in Sweden, his birth occurred on the 28th of December, 1860, and he is a son of John and Louise Johnson, both natives of that country, who came to the United States in 1869. They made their way to Illinois, locating first at Altoona, where they resided for a few months, and then removed to New Windsor. Their residence in that state covered a period of two years and in 1871 they came to Page county, Iowa, residing for a few months in Fremont township. Later they went to Tarkio township, where a son, Mack, then resided, with whom they made their home for about a year and a half. At the expiration of that period he purchased forty acres in Fremont township, paying fifteen dollars per acre, and there he removed his family. The mother and father both passed away on that farm, the death of the former occurring in 1895, and the latter about three years later.

J. Alfred Johnson, whose name introduces this record, was but nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States, and his education, which was commenced in the old world, was completed in the common schools of Illinois and Iowa. At the early age of sixteen he became independent, starting out in business life on his own account as a farm hand. He operated a tract of eighty acres, doing the entire work of the farm, for which he received but twelve dollars per month. He continued in the capacity of a farm hand for two years and then he purchased a team and began farming for himself, operating the home place in connection with some adjoining land, which he rented, continuing to make the homestead his place of residence until his marriage. He then rented the Russell farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Fremont township, which he worked for six years, and during this period he purchased forty acres adjoining his father's farm. Upon leaving the Russell farm he returned to the homestead, which was to come into his possession upon the death of his father, as he had turned over his wages to his father and assisted in paying for the place. The farm then consisted of eighty acres and he also rented adjoining land, which he operated in connection with his own prop-



erty until 1900, when he sold the homestead and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present place in Pierce township. Taking up his abode upon this place he has since directed his efforts to general farming, in which line of activity he has met with signal and gratifying success. In 1906 he purchased an adjoining fifty acres, so that his present farm comprises two hundred and ten and a fraction acres, located on section 14, Pierce township. The ground is naturally rich and fertile, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it, while Mr. Johnson, through industry, thrift and perseverance, combined with up-to-date and progressive business methods, has annually reaped golden harvests from which he has accumulated a very substantial and gratifying income.

In 1886 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Carlson, of Fremont township, Page county, who came from Sweden to the United States about 1881. Unto this union were born nine children, of whom eight still survive, namely: Elmer W., Lilly E., Carl A. C., Alice H. M., Thyra E., Mamie V., Anna A. and Paul L., all of whom are yet under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both members of the Lutheran church, in which the former is serving as a deacon and also as superintendent of the Sabbath school. He is a staunch republican, having taken an active interest in the affairs of the party in the various communities in which he has resided. While making his home in Fremont township he was called upon to serve as road supervisor, as constable and as a member of the board of township trustees, and since becoming a resident of Pierce township, his fellow citizens, recognizing his general worth and ability, have again called him to office. He has served as road supervisor and has now entered upon his second term as trustee of Pierce township. Preeminently public-spirited in his citizenship, he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community and gives loyal support to all interests which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. His worth as a man of business is widely acknowledged and in his career he has proved that energy and diligence constitute a safe basis upon which to build success. Starting out in life empty-handed as a farm hand, he is now the owner of a valuable property and is numbered among the substantial agriculturists and valued citizens of Pierce township.

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#### FRANK JOHNSON.

Sweden has furnished a large number of citizens to Page county, including Frank Johnson, whose time is busily taken up with his farming interests on section 5, Tarkio township. He was born in Sweden, December 13, 1848, and the school system of his native land afforded him his educational privileges. His youthful days were spent amid such surroundings as are familiar to the Swedish youth and from time to time he heard interesting reports concerning the new world. These, at length, proved so

irresistible that on reaching his majority he made arrangements whereby he could sail for the United States, making the voyage in the spring of 1869. He at once continued his journey across the country to the broad prairies of the Mississippi valley and, locating in Altoona, Illinois, soon secured work at railroad building.

Later Mr. Johnson was employed at farm labor in that vicinity, making his home in Altoona for three years, after which he came to Page county in 1872. He here worked for one summer on a farm and then for two years was again engaged in railroad work. For two winters he was employed in coal banks south of Clarinda but received no salary for his labor owing to the dishonesty and unscrupulousness of the man whom he served. He then again took up farm work and, becoming imbued with the desire to own property, he carefully saved his earnings until he felt justified, in 1875, in making purchase of eighty acres of land in Tarkio township. A year later, however, he sold that tract and in company with his brother, Charlie H. Johnson, bought one hundred and twenty acres. They carried on farming together for two years, after which they divided the land. Frank Johnson remained upon his farm until 1893, in which year he removed to the farm belonging to his brother, M. L. Johnson, in Tarkio township. He rented and cultivated that land for two years and in the fall of 1893, disposing of his own property in Fremont township, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm, to which he removed in the spring of 1895. Here he has since resided and two years after the purchase of this place, he invested in forty acres across the road, so that his possessions now include two hundred acres of the rich land of Tarkio township.

In all those affairs which relate to public progress he manifests a keen interest and with firm belief in the principles of the republican party he gives to it his support at the polls. He has done effective work in behalf of good roads, while serving as road boss, and has promoted educational interests as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Swedish Mission church, in which he is serving as deacon. In her maidenhood Mrs. Johnson was Miss Carrie Hagglund, an adopted daughter of Peter Hagglund, of Fremont township. The marriage was celebrated in 1877 and has been blessed with seven children, of whom six are now living: Amanda, the wife of Elmer Kempe, of Red Oak, Iowa; Joseph, an agriculturist, of Tarkio township; Arnold, also an agriculturist, now residing in Pierce township; Nora, the wife of Ira Edwards, of Morton township, this county; and Anna and Willie, at home.

In a review of the life and work of Mr. Johnson we note that he landed in this country with about ten dollars in his pocket; today he is one of the substantial men of Tarkio township and his home is one of the modern and attractive residences of his part of the county. The contrast between his present financial condition and that in which he was found at the time he came to the new world indicates something of the life and activity which he has led in the intervening years, bringing him to a place which is enviable

and creditable. He has sought his success along honorable lines and has gained therewith not only the substantial rewards of labor but also the respect of his fellowmen.

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### JOHN H. SHAW.

John H. Shaw a flour and feed merchant of Coin, Iowa, who is also engaged in the wholesale egg and poultry business in Clarinda, was born in Coin, July 16, 1878, and is the son of Thomas R. and Sarah J. (Lower) Shaw. For several generations the Shaw family has been closely identified with agricultural interests, the paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Rinehart) Shaw, having been prominent in the farming community of Perry county, Ohio, where Thomas R. Shaw was born. Because of the early death of his parents the latter was thrown on his own resources and at the age of ten was bound out to a farmer near his home. At the outbreak of the Civil war he ran away and, making his way to New Lexington, Ohio, enlisted in Company K, Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the 29th of September, 1861, joining his regiment at Zanesville. For some three months the Sixty-second was drilled at Camp Goddard and then was sent to Cumberland, Maryland, whence they proceeded down the Potomac to the Shenandoah valley. Mr. Shaw took part in the battle of Winchester; was under General Shields when he made the attack on General Jackson; participated in the siege of Petersburg; in the battle of Deep Bottom; in the charge on and capture of Petersburg; and in the battle of Appomattox, where General Lee surrendered. He was also in a large number of skirmishes, but although he played a creditable party in twenty-one engagements he was never wounded nor away from his regiment. He acted as sergeant and color sergeant for a long time, but was mustered out as corporal, for the promotion was never regularly made. He was only sixteen at the time of his enlistment, and still has a medal of honor presented to him the day before he was eighteen by General Q. A. Gilmore. At the close of the war Mr. Shaw returned to Perry county, Ohio, and on the 16th of November, 1865, married Miss Sarah Lower, the daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Lower, of that county. The next year he moved west to Illinois, whence after seven years he removed to Page county, Iowa, where he farmed for twenty-one years, coming to Coin in 1896. In that year he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley and has held the position ever since. A successful farmer, he has fulfilled the duties of his present office with fidelity and to the satisfaction of his townspeople. Eleven children were born to Mr. Shaw and his wife, of whom John Shaw is the fifth in order of birth.

After completing the course of study prescribed by the public school of Coin, John Shaw proceeded to the high school, from which he was graduated at the age of eighteen. For two years he then worked on the farm of his father-in-law, A. R. McMichael, and then obtained a position as clerk

in a general store in Coin, where he worked for six years. He thus acquired an insight into business methods and made a number of friends in the world of affairs, and was ready he believed to engage in business for himself. In May, 1909, he started as a dealer in flour and feed, and in the few months' experience he has had has been very successful, for the same qualities that made him a good clerk and the thrift that enabled him to engage in business for himself, have made it possible for him to build up a large trade and to conduct his operations on a paying basis.

On the 22d of December, 1903, Mr. Shaw was wedded to Miss Grace Edna McMichael, the daughter of A. R. and Sarah (McNutt) McMichael. The parents were prominent farmers of Page county, but a few years ago gave up active labor and came to Coin to make their home. Of their family Mrs. Shaw is the oldest, the others being: Cora Blanch is the wife of Roy Delk, who is in business with his father in Coin; and they are the parents of a daughter, Lois. Maud is the wife of Arthur Henderson, of Page county. Gertrude is a graduate of Tarkio Musical College and now has a class of piano pupils in Coin. Mabel is a pupil of the Coin high school.

One of the younger business men of Coin, Mr. Shaw bids well to reach the position attained by those who have been connected with its commercial life for a long period. He enjoys the confidence of his fellow-citizens and the good will of his fraternal brothers of Coin Lodge, No. 2410, M. W. A. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is seen in regular attendance at its services.

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### J. A. ENGSTER.

J. A. Engster owns and cultivates a farm on section 2, Tarkio township, and is numbered among the prosperous and active agriculturists of his part of the county. He makes a specialty of raising cattle and hogs, being one of the leading livestock dealers of the community. He has resided in America since 1893, at which time he came to the new world from his native land of Sweden. He was there born April 11, 1873, a son of John and Anna Johnson. The father died when the boy was but eleven years of age and the mother still resides in Sweden.

J. A. Engster spent his youthful days in his native land and acquired his education in the Swedish schools, supplemented by three terms in the district schools of this country, which he attended during the winter months. It was in 1893, when twenty years of age, that he emigrated to the United States, settling in Wakefield, Nebraska, where lived his uncle, Frank Engster, who had preceded him to this country. This uncle was a brother of our subject's father and because of the fact that the Johnsons were so numerous in the section in which he located he took the name of Engster to avoid confusion. On the arrival of the nephew he was generally called Engster by his uncle's associates and in consequence adopted the name. For three years he worked as a farm hand and then began farming for

himself on rented land. He was thus engaged for only a year, however, for his crops, while abundant, commanded no price, corn selling from seven to nine cents per bushel. The following year he was given employment as a farm hand and spent two more years in that way. Again, in 1899, he began farming as a renter and as prices were now much higher, he was enabled, after two years, to purchase the farm which he had been renting and which he continued to make his home until 1903.

The year previous, however, Mr. Engster had sold the place and purchased his present home in Tarkio township, Page county, to which he removed in 1903. He here owns one hundred and forty-five acres of land on section 2, and in January, 1909, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres adjoining the original tract on the south, so that his present place comprises two hundred and sixty-five acres. He makes a specialty of raising cattle and hogs, feeding not only all the grain which he raises but also buying extensively. He is known as one of the leading stock raisers of this part of the state, carrying on a business of large proportions and of substantial profits.

In March, 1901, Mr. Engster was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hart, of Essex, Iowa, a daughter of John Hart, one of the first Swedish settlers of Page county, now living retired in Essex. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Engster have been born three children: Myrtle L., Alice M. and Lillian E. The parents attend and support the Swedish Mission church and Mr. Engster votes with the republican party. His success has been won through his farming and live-stock interests and he is now numbered among the men of affluence in Tarkio township. In his views regarding public questions he is well balanced, his theories being of a practical nature, while his labors are permeated by a progressive spirit. His record of honorable achievement merits for him the confidence and esteem in which he is uniformly held.

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#### A. W. MURPHY.

A. W. Murphy, one of the best known business men of Shenandoah, representing financial interests of the county as the vice president of the Commercial National Bank, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1857. His parents were Thomas and Margaret (Lauther) Murphy, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was reared in that state and went to Fort Madison, Iowa, for his bride, she having removed to that city some time previous with her parents. After his marriage he returned to the Keystone state and settled on a farm in Juniata county, where he spent the remainder of his days, passing away about ten years ago. His widow still survives at an advanced age and resides on the old homestead in Pennsylvania.

A. W. Murphy was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools and in the state normal school at Shippensburg. He also attended the academy at Academia, Pennsylvania, and when still comparatively

young entered upon the profession of teaching to which he devoted his energies at intervals until his twenty-fifth year. At times during that period he also worked on the farm and engaged in clerking in a general store at Peru Mills, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1882 he came west to Iowa, settling in Page county, where he was first employed as a clerk in a store at Tarkio. He continued there for a month, after which he came to Shenandoah, and entered the employ of R. B. and C. F. Crose, general merchants, who did business in the same building now occupied by the Commercial National Bank. Mr. Murphy entered the employ of the firm with the understanding that he would remain for a month but so satisfactory were his labors that he continued with them for more than a year and was then transferred to the hardware store of Burr & Crose, with whom he continued until August, 1884. He next purchased Mr. Burr's interests in the firm and the name was changed to Murphy & Crose, the subject of this review becoming a partner in the enterprise, Mr. Crose, however, furnishing a large share of the capital. The business was conducted under this partnership relation for ten years with Mr. Murphy bending every energy toward the successful conduct of the enterprise. That his efforts were a source of profit is indicated in the fact that in 1894 he was enabled to purchase Mr. Crose's interest in the business and the same year erected a large modern business block on the northeast corner of Sheridan avenue and Elm street, transferring his stock to the new quarters. He conducted an extensive business at that location and continued in active connection with mercantile interests until the spring of 1903, when he disposed of his stock on account of failing health. He had for a long period enjoyed a large trade and his business was one of substantial success.

The summer following the disposal of the store Mr. Murphy became associated with the Commercial Savings Bank, now the Commercial National Bank, and was made cashier of the institution. He served in that capacity for three years, when he retired from the cashiership and was made vice president of the bank, in which capacity he has since served, bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control. His long experience in commercial lines constituted an excellent foundation for his banking experience, and in financial circles he has made a most creditable record in control of what is one of the strong moneyed concerns of the county.

Mr. Murphy has in many other respects been a most prominent and influential factor in the life of the community. He has regarded business as but one phase of existence, never allowing it to exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence. He has been a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and for years has served as one of the elders of the church in Shenandoah. He takes a helpful interest in all departments of the church activity and has served for the past fifteen years as superintendent of the Sunday school. At this writing, in 1909, he is the president of the Page County Sunday School Association and is also the president of the Shenandoah Library Association. For fifteen years or more he served on the

board of education and is deeply interested in all those movements which tend to promote intellectual and moral progress of the community. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and for several years he served as city treasurer of Shenandoah, making an excellent record in the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. He is well known in fraternal circles, especially as a representative of Masonry, belonging to Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, A. F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, R. A. M.; Bruce Commandery, No. 34, K. T., of Red Oak, Iowa; and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Davenport.

In 1887 Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Etta F. McCulloch, of Juniata county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of James McCulloch. Unto this marriage was born one child, Ella McCulloch, who is now a junior in the high school of Shenandoah. The family are prominent socially and their's is a most hospitable home.

Mr. Murphy is a type of the business man who has risen in the world through close application, industry and honorable business methods. He came to Iowa a poor boy in 1882 and today is classed among Shenandoah's successful, most esteemed citizens, his record proving that success is ambition's answer. At the same time the subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced and while he is cognizant of and has used his own capabilities and powers in a business way, at the same time he has thoroughly understood his opportunities and his obligations and has been neglectful of no duty devolving upon him in the relations of social life and of citizenship.

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#### MRS. MARTHA PALMER.

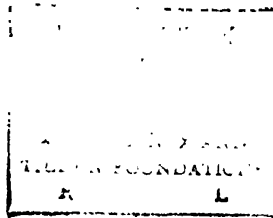
Mrs. Martha Palmer, well known in Coin, is the widow of Captain John H. Palmer and was born in Ulster county, New York, August 21, 1842. Her parents were Joshua and Salina (Vredenburg) Schoonmaker, who were likewise natives of Ulster county. The father, who was born in 1813, died about 1883, while the mother whose birth occurred in 1814, passed away in 1893. Mr. Schoonmaker was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in the place of his nativity. Following his demise the mother came to Page county, Iowa, where her last days were spent. They were the parents of four children: Mary, who was born June 18, 1836, died December 31, 1870. She was the wife of Jacob Tobias and he, too, is deceased. Kathryn J., born March 1, 1838, is the widow of Lafever Auchmoody and resides in Ulster county, New York. Mrs. Palmer is the next of the family. Emily, born October 25, 1843, is the deceased wife of Edgar Slatter.

Mrs. Palmer spent her girlhood days in Ulster county and attended the district schools and also assisted in the work of the household, so that she was well trained to take care of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. On the 21st of February, 1860, at Fort Ewen, New York, she



CAPTAIN JOHN H. PALMER





became the wife of Captain John H. Palmer, who was born in Ulster county, October 10, 1838. He, too, attended the district schools and afterward was a student in Ashland Seminary. His parents were Harvey and Jane (Harket) Palmer, early settlers of Ulster county.

Following their marriage Captain and Mrs. Palmer located at Rifton, Ulster county, New York, where Captain Palmer engaged in teaming until the 22d of August, 1862. On that date he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company A, One hundred and fifty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry. This regiment saw much active service, being connected with the Department of the Gulf under General Banks. The command took part in the siege of Port Hudson and in the Red River Campaign and in 1864 joined General Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley, participating in the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek. Subsequently the troops went to Savannah, where they did guard duty. Soon after entering the service Mr. Palmer was promoted to orderly sergeant; later was commissioned first lieutenant, on the 19th of March, 1864; and on the 11th of July the same year received a captain's commission. After being at Savannah for a short time he was placed in charge of twenty picked men doing guard duty on the Savannah river in charge of transports. At the close of the war he returned to Carthage, Illinois, and was there mustered out October 23, 1865.

For a brief period after the close of hostilities Captain Palmer resided at Carthage and then went south to take charge of a plantation on the Mississippi river. His wife accompanied him as far as Memphis, where she was to remain until he could make arrangements to send for her. He did not like the south, however, and soon they returned to Illinois, where they remained until 1870. In that year they removed to Fremont county, Iowa, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which was known as the Doan place. They lived there for a year, after which they sold out and removed to Page county, Iowa, where they purchased one hundred and twenty acres south of Coin. Most of this was raw land and Captain Palmer devoted his energies to cultivating and improving the place. They built a house and barn and added to their property until they owned two hundred and ninety acres. During the time they resided thereon the Wabash railroad was built across their place. They lived there for about thirty years, their farming interests being successfully conducted, and at the end of that time they purchased fifty acres near Coin at a place known as Austin's Mill.

While they were residing there the death of Captain Palmer occurred on the 15th of November, 1902, and his remains were interred in the Ellenwood cemetery. He had led a busy and useful life, was a prosperous farmer and stockman and also conducted a successful creamery business. In fact in all those lines of life which he followed in order to provide for the support of his family he met with success, for he displayed keen judgment in his business management, combined with unfaltering industry. He also took an active part in politics and gave stalwart support to the republican party and its principles, but would never accept office. He was a prominent mem-

ber of the Methodist church and for a number of years served as president of its board of trustees. He gave generously to the support of the church and cooperated in its various movements for the moral regeneration of the community. He belonged also to the Grand Army Post of Clarinda and throughout the years of his connection therewith found pleasure in its campfires, where the veterans recalled the scenes and recounted the deeds that were notable epochs in the Civil war.

Following the death of Captain Palmer, Mrs. Palmer remained for some years at Austin's Mill and in June, 1908, removed to Coin, where she now resides. She has since disposed of her farm land but owns the residence which she occupies. She has been a devoted mother to her family of eight children, who in order of birth are as follows: Mary J., the wife of Oliver Ernest, living at Greeley, Colorado; Harvey, who died at the age of nine years; Georgia A., the wife of E. J. Woolsey, also of Greeley, Colorado; Helen M., who is the wife of S. J. Hockabout, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, by whom she has two children, Dale and Mildred; Carrie R., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Hayes, living near Coin, who married Winnine Harris and has four children, John L., Theodore R., Louise and William Howard Taft; Garfield, who died at the age of six years; and Joseph, who died when four years of age.

Mrs. Palmer is a member of the Methodist church of Coin and is a lady whose excellent traits of character have won her a firm hold on the affection of those with whom she has been brought in contact. Her husband, Captain Palmer, was for many years a leading and representative agriculturist of this county and at his death left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name as well as good property which he had secured as the result of his carefully directed energy and business activity.

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#### OSCAR W. OKERLIN, M. D.

Dr. Oscar W. Okerlin is numbered among the young and successful practitioners of Page county and during the three years in which he has been located in Essex, he has built up a large and extensive practice. He was born in Boone county, Iowa, October 3, 1873, a son of John and Johanna (Johnson) Okerlin, who were natives of Sweden, whence they came to the United States after reaching mature years, their marriage being celebrated in Boone county, this state. There the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1877 when he was a comparatively young man. He left a widow and three small children.

Dr. Okerlin of this review was but four years of age at the time of his father's death, after which he was carefully reared by his mother. He was kept in school until his sixteenth year, at which time he graduated from the Boone high school. He then secured employment as storekeeper by the Northwestern Railroad Company, being located at various points and remaining in their employ eleven years. In the meantime he had taken up the study of

medicine under the preceptorship of Drs. Humphrey and Kauffman of Lake City, Iowa, pursuing his studies during his leisure hours, while at the same time he retained his position with the railroad company. In 1901 he entered the medical department of the Iowa State University, graduating from that institution with the class of 1905.

Having thus carefully prepared for his profession he went to Liscomb, Iowa, where he remained for one year in charge of the practice of a physician at that place. In 1906, however, he came to Essex and although he has been here but three years he has already become widely known and his services are in demand not only in this city but in the surrounding districts as well. He keeps in touch with the progress that is made by the medical fraternity through his membership in the Iowa State Medical Society and in the American Institute of Homeopathy.

Dr. Okerlin was married in 1905 to Miss Sue Denne, of Atlantic, Iowa, and their union has been blessed with two daughters, Amy and Ruth. The Doctor gives his political support to the republican party, while his fraternal relations are with Mountain Lodge, No. 360, A. F. & A. M., and with Essex Camp, No. 3297, M. W. A., and he is acting as medical examiner of both these organizations. He is also identified with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a college fraternity, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are hospitable young people, enjoying the warm regard of many friends, and if the present professional standing of the Doctor is any criterion to go by, no doubt the future holds still greater success for him.

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#### EDWARD S. WELCH.

Edward S. Welch is proprietor and sole owner of the Mount Arbor nurseries of Shenandoah and his business career has been marked by steady progress resulting from his close application and unfaltering energy, together with an intelligent recognition and use of the opportunities that have been presented. He was born near Williamsburg, Sangamon county, Illinois, February 8, 1869, and is a son of Ebenezer Hillis and Keziah (Yowell) Welch, both of whom were natives of Indiana and removed to Illinois with their respective parents. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1869 formed one of the vanguard of pioneers to southwestern Iowa. He located at that time in Fremont county, where he purchased a tract of land and made his home until 1879. He then sold out and removed to western Kansas but remained for only two years in that state. Returning to Iowa in the fall of 1881, he spent the winter in Sidney and in March, 1882, came to Page county, settling in Shenandoah, where he passed his remaining years in quiet retirement from business, enjoying rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He died October 26, 1886, at the age of fifty-two years, while his wife survives at the age of sixty-six years and resides in Shenandoah.

Edward S. Welch was reared under the parental roof, accompanying his parents on their removal to Iowa in his infancy. His entire life, therefore, has been passed in this state save for the brief period spent in Kansas, and his education has been acquired in the district schools, in the public schools of Shenandoah and in the Western Normal College of this city. As early as his twelfth year he worked at farm labor, hiring out by the month, and his life record has at all times been one of diligence, perseverance and industry.

On coming to Shenandoah—he was then thirteen years of age—he secured work in the nurseries of D. S. Lake and there laid the foundation for his subsequent successful business career. While thus employed he learned every detail of tree culture. He remained in the service of Mr. Lake for the greater part of nine years and while thus engaged—in 1887—he began growing nursery stock on his own account. He remained, however, with Mr. Lake until 1891, when he left his employ and in connection with E. I. Martin, now of Red Lands, California, purchased of the firm of Howard & Latimer the Mount Arbor nurseries, which had been established by T. E. B. Mason in 1875. For a year thereafter the business was conducted under the firm name of Martin & Welch, but in 1892 Mr. Welch purchased his partner's interest and has since been sole proprietor. Under his capable management and wise guidance the business has been built up to its present magnitude. The first year's business under Martin & Welch amounted to eight thousand dollars and today the sales reach one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually—the result of the business ability and careful direction of Mr. Welch. In the first place he resolved to furnish high grade nursery stock, knowing that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. As his patronage increased he enlarged his nurseries until today his plant is one of the best equipped in the United States. He has commodious buildings for the handling of the stock and a railway track has been built by the side of the buildings so that shipments are most easily made. He has seven hundred acres of land in use for the cultivation of his nursery stock and today his name is known in this connection throughout the entire country for he has built up an extensive and profitable business.

In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder and director in the Shenandoah National Bank and in the Shenandoah Brick & Tile Company. His associates recognize in him one of the leading business men of the city, alert and enterprising. He never regards any position as final but rather as the starting point for still further accomplishment. He manifests rare ability in discriminating between the essential and the non-essential and also in the coordinating of forces into a uniform and harmonious whole.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Welch was married in December, 1891, to Miss Ida A. Boydstun of Abingdon, Illinois, and to them has been born one child, Gertrude F., who is attending high school. They have recently adopted a son, Wayne N. They are widely and favorably known socially and the generous hospitality of their own home makes it a favorite resort with many friends. They hold membership in the Congregational church, in the work of which they are much interested, Mr. Welch serving as a member of the board of trustees. He is likewise a member of the Shen-

Shenandoah library board and is interested in the various movements and measures that relate to the city's progress and advancement along many lines. His fraternal relations are with Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; and the Eastern Star. He is also connected with Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A., and with Three Oaks Camp, No. 52, of the Royal Neighbors.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party where national questions are involved but at local elections he votes independently. For twelve years he has served as a member of the Shenandoah school board and his advocacy of public education is manifest in his earnest efforts to secure competent teachers and to advance the interests of the schools. He stands today as a splendid example of the self-made man who recognizes and uses his opportunities to the best advantage, placing his dependence ever upon indefatigable energy and unfaltering diligence.

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### JOHN L. MOORE.

A considerable percentage of the county's successful business and professional men are numbered among her native sons, for the growth and development of southwestern Iowa, with its enlarging possibilities and opportunities, have afforded scope for the labors and ambitions of those who have grown to manhood here. John L. Moore was born in Page county, March 27, 1872, his parents being William J. and Mary E. (Leonard) Moore. Although for many years the father followed the occupation of farming in providing for the support of himself and family, he is now living retired in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence which was the reward of his previous labors. He makes his home in Braddyville, Page county.

As a public-school student John L. Moore mastered the common branches of learning and continued his education at Amity College in College Springs, Iowa. He started out in business life as a farmer, first purchasing forty acres of land, to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until now he is the owner of four hundred acres of valuable farm property. His realty possessions also include two residences in Clarinda. As the years went by he carefully tilled the soil, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and carrying on his farm work along most progressive lines. Year by year his agricultural interests were carefully and successfully conducted until 1904, when he put aside the work of the fields and removed to Clarinda. In addition to his realty interests in Iowa he also owns land in Colorado. After taking up his abode in the city he conducted the Farmers Feed Yard, which covers a half block. This he sold out sometime later and in 1906 concentrated his energies exclusively on the real-estate business, having for two years before engaged quite largely in buying and selling property. He handles farm lands mostly and is thoroughly conversant with realty values and the possibilities for profitable

investment. In 1908 he entered into partnership with William E. Whittaker, under the firm name of Moore & Whittaker, and they now handle a large amount of the real estate business in Clarinda and also have an extensive clientage in the insurance business, both branches being now profitably managed and conducted.

Mr. Moore was married to Miss Mary S. Young, of Clarinda, a daughter of George W. Young, who was a brick mason and auctioneer. The wedding was celebrated on the 12th of October, 1898, and now there are four children in the household: Floyd D., Ethel A., Laura M. and LeRoy L.

Mr. Moore exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party, believing that its principles are best calculated to conserve good government. In his fraternal relations he is connected with the Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias. He has not only made friends but holds them to him with the compelling power of genuine sympathy and helpfulness.

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#### AMOS BEERY.

Amos Beery, who for many years was identified with agricultural interests in this part of Iowa, is now living retired in Shambaugh in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 5, 1850, but was only six months of age at the time of the removal of his parents to Adams county, Indiana. He is the son of Daniel and Magdalene (Hamm) Beery, the former a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and the latter of Germany. She was brought to the United States when but six months old. Following the removal of the family to Indiana, the father died in Adams county about 1856 and ten years later the mother came to Page county, where she continued to reside until her demise. In their family were four children: Amos; Noah, who is living in Missouri; Amanda, the wife of Abe Stemen, a resident farmer of Amity township; and Daniel, who was born after his father's death and is now deceased.

Amos Beery lost his father when only six years of age. He continued a resident of Adams county, Indiana, until sixteen and then came with his mother to Page county, Iowa, in 1866. His education was largely acquired in the former state, for after coming to Page county his time and energies were largely devoted to the task of providing for his own living. He remained here until his marriage, when he went to Neosha county, Kansas, where he lived for five years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Page county, where he has since made his home. He has been a lifelong farmer and is now the owner of a valuable property comprising three hundred and eighteen acres of rich and arable land included within two farms. He also owns two good lots in the town of Shambaugh, where he resides, and a substantial brick residence at the south edge of the village. Of his farm land, eighty acres is situated on section 12, Amity township, while the remainder is on section 6, Buchanan township. He removed from the farm

in Amity township to Shambaugh about three years ago and is now practically living retired, save for the supervision which he gives to his investments and general agricultural interests. He has always made a specialty of raising cattle and hogs and has also fed considerable stock. In his business affairs he displays sound judgment and indefatigable energy and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Beery was married in 1871 to Miss Laura Woods, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, January 1, 1854, and was brought to Page county in 1865 by her parents, Enoch and Nancy (Washburn) Woods, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. Her father died in Kansas, and her mother now resides in Neosha county, that state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beery have been born twelve children: Noah E., a farmer of Amity township; Enoch, who is living in Clermont, Missouri; Nora, who died at the age of nine months; Nancy, the wife of Abe Wolf, of Shambaugh; Bessie, the wife of Scott McClarnen, of Amity; Jennie, the wife of Burt C. Hoskins, of Buchanan township; Jesse A. L., of East River township; Lulu, who is living in Omaha, Nebraska; Melvin, at home; Leona, who died February 14, 1908, at the age of sixteen years; Gertrude and Myrtle, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Beery also have thirteen grandchildren.

Mr. Beery is a member of the Menntonite Brethren in Christ church of Shambaugh, in which he is serving as deacon. His influence is always given on the side of morality, truth and righteousness. He is also a stalwart advocate of the cause of temperance and votes as he prays, giving his allegiance to the prohibition party. He not only advocates but does that which is right and his sterling honesty and integrity of character have gained him the trust, respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### GEORGE G. LONG.

George G. Long, a resident of Shambaugh, largely devotes his time and energies to the purchase and sale of farms, although in former years he was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. His life record began on the 9th of November, 1849, at the parental home about eight miles east of Columbus, Ohio. He was one of a family of seven children born unto Edward and Katharine (Reid) Long. The father was a native of Franklin county, Ohio, born in 1820, while the mother's birth occurred in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1819. Edward Long was a blacksmith by trade and conducted a smithy and carriage-making shop in Ohio, where he continued to live until about 1855, when he removed westward to Eddyville, Lee county, Iowa. In the spring of 1856 he took up his abode in Clarinda, at which time the town contained only five houses. He bought out the first blacksmith shop in the village and conducted it for a few years, after which he rented it to the firm of Harrold & Chamberlin. He then removed to a farm two and a half miles west of Shambaugh, taking up his abode on a



half section of land in Amity township, which he had entered from the government in 1853. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began its development and converted it into rich and productive fields. There he resided until the spring of 1863, after which he removed to a farm about two miles southeast of Clarinda. Upon that place he resided until his death, which occurred in November, 1864. His widow long survived him, passing away on the 8th of May, 1907, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. She was then living in Loup City, Nebraska. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church throughout their entire lives. In their family were seven children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Hannah, who died at the age of sixteen years; George G., of this review; Ella R., a resident of Chicago; Elmer Ellsworth, who died at the age of thirty years; and John W., of Loup City, Nebraska.

George G. Long was a little lad of but six summers when his parents came to Iowa and was not yet seven years of age at the time of the removal to Page county, where he has since made his home. He was a youth of about fifteen years when his father died. At that time the family removed to Clarinda, where they lived for a few years, after which they returned to the farm. In 1872 George G. Long was married and resided on the home farm for a year, after which he purchased eighty acres of land in East River township and made his home thereon for seventeen years. At the expiration of that period he sold his property and removed to a place a half mile southwest of Shambaugh, purchasing eighty acres, on which he continued to reside for fourteen years. During that period he transformed the tract into rich and arable fields, from which he annually gathered large harvests. As the years passed he prospered and in 1906 he erected a pleasant home in Shambaugh, a house of nine rooms, which is one of the finest in the village. Here he now lives and for some time he has given his attention to the purchase and sale of farms, handling farm property in Iowa and Missouri but mostly in the latter state. His sound judgment and discrimination enable him to make judicious investments and profitable sales and his business is now a most satisfactory one.

As previously stated Mr. Long was married in 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Molly F. Marshall, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in May, 1852. Unto them were born two children, but the son, Edward, died in infancy. The daughter, Gladys M., is now the wife of William R. Hill, who is living a mile and a half south of Shambaugh, and they have four children: Gertrude Marie, Marry, Gerald and Kenneth Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Long are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they take a deep interest. They contribute liberally to its support and do all in their power to promote its various activities, Mr. Long serving as superintendent of the Sunday school for the past twelve years, while in other ways he has been officially connected with the church and its work. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to the office of mayor. He does not seek office, however, but desires rather to

perform his public services as a private citizen, aiding in public measures by his influence and cooperation. His life has been actuated by laudable ambition and characterized by unfaltering diligence and perseverance, and his history proves that success is ambition's answer.

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### J. W. ORME.

Starting out in the business world empty-handed, J. W. Orme has gradually worked his way upward until today he stands among the substantial citizens and wealthy landowners of Page county owning five hundred and forty acres of land in Valley township, this county, and one hundred acres in Taylor county, Iowa. He is a native of the Buckeye state, born in Knox county May 25, 1845, and is one of a family of seven children whose parents were William and Elizabeth (Dum) Orme. The father was born in Maryland and the mother in Ohio, where they made their home until 1854, in which year they came westward to Iowa, entering land from the government in Page county. Here they spent their remaining years, the father passing away in 1874, while the mother survived for several years and died May 16, 1888.

J. W. Orme is the younger of the two surviving children of the father's family, and his brother is also a resident of Valley township. J. W. Orme remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-four years, during which time he assisted his father in the work of the fields, plowing, planting and harvesting, while in the winter months he pursued his studies in the common schools. When he started out to face the responsibilities of life he chose the occupation to which he had been reared and for three years operated rented land. He then bought eighty acres of the farm which is now his home. He improved this property with a substantial farm dwelling and many outbuildings, and from time to time, as his financial condition permitted, he added to his holdings until his place now comprises a section of land, situated in Valley township. He carries on general farming but gives his time more particularly to the raising of stock, keeping high grade animals, and this has proved a very gratifying source of income to him.

On December 6, 1881, Mr. Orme was married to Miss Ada A. Tice in Page county, and their home has been blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters: Albert, Della, Frank and Nellie, the other son having died in infancy.

The parents are devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Orme gives his political endorsement to the republican party but aside from serving as school director has never held public office, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business interests, which have now assumed extensive proportions. The ideals of men like Mr. Orme, their personality, the history of their lives and their profound sense of integrity could be made the text of a lesson from which

the young men of today could study success, for starting out in life with no capital save his ambition and determination, he has steadily forged his way to the front until he is now one of the wealthy and large landowners of Page county. His success, however, has been acquired only through the most honorable methods.

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#### DAVID S. LAKE.

As civilization advances on the frontier agriculture becomes the first department of business to which the pioneer directs his energies. From the soil must be produced those foods which sustain life and constitute a marketable commodity that other necessities may be secured. With the settlement of a district, however, business interests become more diversified and complex and not only is attention directed to the tilling of the soil for the production of cereals but interest is also awakened in the possibilities of raising fruit and of cultivating trees and shrubs. Thus there is a demand for nursery stock and the pioneer in the development of a business of this character in Page county was David S. Lake, now proprietor of the Shenandoah Nursery.

A native of New Hampshire, he was born in Merrimaek county, January 27, 1845, a son of David and Julia B. (Sanborn) Lake. Both the Lake and Sanborn families were established in the Old Granite state in pioneer times and Robert Lake, the grandfather, traced his ancestry beyond the seas to English origin. The Sanborn family produced many able men especially famed in educational circles. Professor E. D. Sanborn, of Dartmouth College and Dyer H. Sanborn, a celebrated educator of New Hampshire, were brothers of Mrs. Lake, and John R. Sanborn was an influential member of the Canadian parliament.

David S. Lake was the third in order of birth in a family of five children and upon the old New England farm he remained until sixteen years of age, after which he pursued a thorough course at Pittsfield Academy, wherein he continued his studies to the age of nineteen. Attracted by the unfolding opportunities of the growing west he then sojourned for a brief period in Wisconsin but soon took up the profession of teaching in Illinois. He was thus engaged for five years, when he turned his attention to the nursery business as an employe at Prairie City, Illinois, whence he removed to Iowa in 1870. Here he established the Shenandoah Nursery, investing a limited capital of about four hundred dollars. He planted ten acres of rented land to nursery stock and, increasing his business as his financial resources have permitted, he has enjoyed a constantly growing patronage. It has been his policy to make every order, however small, perfectly satisfactory and this won him a most desirable reputation and led to the increase of his trade until he was obliged to give his entire attention to the wholesale department of his business. His enterprise has kept abreast with the growth of the city and the development of this part of the

country, being today one of the largest nurseries in the west. Something of its development is indicated by the fact that over four hundred acres are now devoted exclusively to growing its stock and over one hundred acres are planted in stock annually. The north packing shed covers an acre of ground, is built of brick and is a fire-proof and frost-proof structure. Mr. Lake has trained his two sons, A. F. and Ralph Lake, to the business and they have taken up the responsibilities of the enterprise and are proving worthy and valuable assistants to their father. The company now employs one hundred and fifty people and their nursery plant embraces building after building erected in the most approved manner in which all of the different things are done to perfect the trees and shrubs for market. Their stock includes goods imported from France and other foreign countries but their specialty is apple seedlings and the company supplies the market with this product.

On the 17th of January, 1872, David S. Lake was married to Miss Hannah, a daughter of Daniel O'Day, and the children of their marriage are: Albert, Ralph, Clara and Leslie. The Lake family is prominent socially and Page county acknowledges its indebtedness to its members for the promotion of business activity within this part of the state. The Lake nursery is today one of the most important commercial concerns of Iowa and the growth of the business is attributable to its founder, whose ability has enabled to surround himself with an able corps of assistants, to devise and institute substantial and practical plans and to produce valuable stock and place it upon the market in such a manner as to make the demand therefor constant and increasing.

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### JOHN EMIL SWANSON, M. D.

Dr. John Emil Swanson, a well known and successful representative of the medical profession in Page county, has practiced in Essex since April, 1903. His birth occurred in Aledo, Illinois, on the 27th of September, 1871, his parents being John E. and Caroline (Johnson) Swanson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They emigrated to the United States in young manhood and womanhood, in the year 1868, locating at Galva, Illinois, where they were married. A short time afterward they established their home at Aledo, Illinois. The father, who was a tailor by trade, was there engaged in business along that line until 1875, when he took up his abode at Woodhull, Illinois, where he now successfully conducts an extensive tailoring establishment. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party but he has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Lutheran church, with which his wife is also identified.

John E. Swanson spent his youthful days under the parental roof and obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Woodhull, Illinois. Subsequently he entered Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill-

inois, from which institution he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1896. In the fall of the same year he took up the study of medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, which he attended for a year, when he entered the School of Medicine of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Following his graduation of 1899 he was given an internship in the Augustana Hospital at Chicago, where he served the regular term and in the spring of 1901 he located for practice at Swedona, Illinois. Shortly afterward, however, he went to Denver, Colorado, for the benefit of his health, where he practiced his profession for six months and at the end of that time, having fully recuperated, he came to Essex, Iowa, in April, 1903. He bought out the practice of Dr. Stottler, who removed to Shenandoah and in the intervening six years has built up an extensive and lucrative patronage, being today one of the well known and representative physicians in the county. He keeps in close touch with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the Page County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1900 Dr. Swanson was joined in wedlock to Miss Selma Liljedahl, of Essex, Iowa, and unto them has been born one child, John Milton. The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Swedish Lutheran church, the teachings of which they exemplify in their daily lives. Dr. Swanson's skill in the application of remedial agencies is widely recognized, and he commands the respect and esteem of his patients, fellow citizens and members of the medical fraternity.

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### JOHN LAGERQUIST.

On the roster of officials of Page county appears the name of John Lagerquist, who is now recorder of deeds. He was born in New York city, August 20, 1852, and is a son of Abraham and Caroline (Duberg) Lagerquist. The father was a mechanic. He was a native of Sweden and came to America when the voyages across the Atlantic were made in sailing vessels. He remained in the eastern metropolis until about 1859, when with his family he removed to Macon, Georgia. There he followed his trade until 1866, when he went to Illinois, settling first in Henry county, where he purchased land and began farming but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring in 1868. His widow survived for about five years and passed away in 1873.

John Lagerquist was only seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from New York city to Georgia and was a youth of fourteen when the family home was established in Illinois. He was educated in the public schools and began farming in Henry county. He afterward clerked in a general store in Page county and in the fall of 1876 came to Iowa. He had previously learned the cabinetmaking trade but after reaching this state he accepted a clerkship at Essex, where he continued

from 1876 to 1904. In the latter year he was elected county recorder of deeds and filled the position so acceptably that he was reelected in 1906 and again in 1908, so that he is now serving for a third term, which expires in 1911. His record is altogether creditable, as is indicated in his long continuance in office. In Essex he filled the offices of mayor, councilman, justice of the peace and assessor. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. On the contrary he is most loyal to the duties that devolve upon him and is prompt, faithful and reliable in their execution.

On the 3d of July, 1873, Mr. Lagerquist was united in marriage to Miss Clara C. Anderson, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have four children: Walter E., who is now a student at Yale; K. Pearl, who lives at home and is acting as deputy county recorder; M. Mabel, a student in the high school at Clarinda; and Warren S., who is pursuing his studies in the Clarinda public schools. The elder son was graduated from Simpson College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and at Yale in his first year he won the Master of Arts degree and eventually will win the Doctor of Philosophy degree. He was elected to fill the chair of economics at Beloit College, in Beloit, Wisconsin, where he remained for some time.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the parents are faithful members. In the work of the church Mr. Lagerquist takes an active and helpful interest and for many years was a trustee of the church and was also superintendent of the Sunday school at Essex. At Clarinda he has been a member of the official board and also a class leader. His life has ever been upright and honorable and the motives which have guided his actions have been such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. Page county has no citizen more loyal to its interests than John Lagerquist.

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### J. C. WILLIAMS.

J. C. Williams, who owns and operates a farm of four hundred acres located partly in Valley and partly in Douglas townships, is a well known and substantial farmer, who is meeting with gratifying success in his agricultural pursuits. Born in England on the 18th of April, 1856, he is a son of John and Amy (Rogers) Williams, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. The father, also a native of England, came to the United States with his family in 1866, settling first in Wisconsin and later in Page county, Iowa, where he was actively engaged for some time in farming, becoming one of the extensive landowners of the locality. He is now living retired on his farm of six hundred acres in Valley township, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

J. C. Williams came to the new world when but a lad and is indebted to the common-school system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. He remained at home, assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields, until he reached manhood when, starting out in business for himself,

he removed to one of his father's farms, which he operated for some time as a renter. Later he purchased the place and has since added to his possessions, until now he owns four hundred acres located in Valley and Douglas townships. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, practices the rotation of crops and makes a thorough study of the best methods of cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He also engages in the raising and feeding of stock, the good grade of which insures it a ready sale on the market.

On the 2d of December, 1880, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Helen Fleenor, who was born in Henry county, Iowa, on the 3d of April, 1863, and is a daughter of George and Elizabeth Fleenor, residents of Clarinda. To this union have been born two children, namely: Arsella Jane, born December 22, 1881, who is still at home; and George C., who was born on the 17th of January, 1886, and is now married and resides in Valley township.

The family is connected with the United Brethren church and is held in high regard in the community. In politics Mr. Williams is independent, casting his ballot at the polls for the men who, in his opinion, are best adapted to fill the position for which they are candidates. He served as school director but otherwise has not sought nor desired public office. He is public spirited in his citizenship, at all times desirous for the best interests of the community. He has won success in his agricultural pursuits and his farm, which is known as the Neely Branch Stock Farm, is one of the finely improved and valuable properties of Page county.

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#### MRS. NELLIE JONASSON.

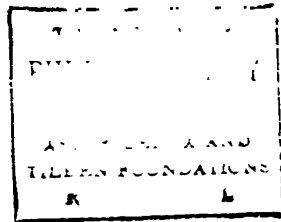
It is the names of the men of a community that are apt to figure most prominently on the pages of history from the fact that they control the business interests, fill the offices and manage the public affairs. Yet there are in every community ladies whose business ability is pronounced and whose sterling worth well entitles them to classification with the representative residents of the county. In this connection mention should be made of Mrs. Nellie Jonasson of Coin, who owns and controls a farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres of fine land in Colfax township. She also has a beautiful town residence which she occupies. She was born in Sweden, July 11, 1844, and is a daughter of John and Magnal (Pierce) Matteson, both of whom spent their entire lives in Sweden, where the father died at the age of fifty-five years, while the mother reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. They were parents of but two daughters, the elder being Mrs. Hannah Augison, the widow of Mans Augison, and a resident of Sweden.

Mrs. Jonasson, the younger daughter, acquired her education in the schools of her native country and came to the United States with a number of friends when twenty-four years of age. She became a resident of Min-



MR. AND MRS. P. A. C. JONASSEN





neapolis, Minnesota, where she remained for about four years and then went to Illinois. She was married in Kewanee, that state, on the 5th of April, 1873, to P. A. C. Jonasson, who was born in Sweden and was the son of Jonas and Sissa Peterson.

The young couple began their domestic life in Illinois, where they remained for two years, and then removed to Page county, Iowa, bringing with them their eldest son, who was born in the former state. On reaching this county they took up their abode near Northboro on one hundred and sixty acres of raw land which Mr. Jonasson had purchased the previous year on a trip to the west. He at once began to cultivate this place, breaking the sod and tilling the fields until they rewarded his efforts by generous harvests. He erected all of the buildings upon the place and continued to reside upon the farm until February, 1905, when with his family he removed to Coin and retired from active business life. He was at that time about sixty-five years of age. His birth had occurred in Sweden, April 20, 1840, and on the 9th of August, 1867, he arrived in the United States. Making his way to the interior of the country, he settled at Kewanee, Illinois. He had followed carpentering and engineering in Sweden but in this country turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. After a brief period he made his way to Scott county, Kansas, where he lived for six months, after which he returned to Kewanee, Illinois. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Ellen Anderson, who was a school-mate of Mrs. Nellie Jonasson, when they were in Sweden. That marriage was celebrated December 31, 1871, and on the 29th of October, 1872, the young wife passed away. On the 5th of April, 1873, Mr. Jonasson wedded Miss Nellie Johnson and they traveled life's journey happily together until he was called to the life beyond.

Mr. Jonasson became a naturalized citizen of the United States, March 2, 1880, and was always loyal in his allegiance to the best interests of the country. During his residence in Page county he won for himself a favorable position among the leading farmers of this part of the state. He paid nine and one-eighth dollars per acre for his first tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres and to his original holdings he kept adding from time to time until he had five hundred and seventy-six acres. He was a prominent farmer living in Washington township but owning land both in that and Colfax township, and his life record indicated the success that might be achieved by determined purpose intelligently directed. He made good use of his time, talents and opportunities and thus won prosperity so that he was able to leave a very substantial competence to his family when he was called to his final home. In addition to his farming interests he was one of the organizers and original stockholders of the First National Bank of Blanchard and became a stockholder of the local telephone company, of which he was elected secretary and treasurer. In other ways he was closely associated with public progress, for his fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to a number of local offices. He always regarded a public office as a public trust and was most faithful to the duties entrusted to his care. He acted as justice of the peace, was school director, secre-

tary of the school board for ten years, was township trustee and also filled other offices to which he was chosen as the candidate of the republican party. He was a member of the Lutheran church in Sweden but after coming to Page county united with the Methodist church, assisted in building the house of worship in Northboro and held office in that church for many years. After his removal to Coin the family joined the Methodist church of this place and Mr. Jonasson was serving as one of its stewards at the time of his death. He passed away December 10, 1908, and his grave was made in the Ellenwood Cemetery of Coin.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jonasson had been blessed with six children. John Alfred, who was born January 8, 1874, died February 27, 1900. He was a graduate of Tarkio College, afterward was assistant superintendent of the Coin schools and at the time of his death was superintendent of the schools at Essex, Iowa. Clara M. is the wife of L. H. Wiar of Colfax township and they have two children, Nellie O. and Charles E. Francis O., born July 2, 1878, died February 19, 1900, while attending Tarkio College. Eva S., born January 12, 1880, died December 31, 1881. Stella B. is the wife of Clyde Whitmore, who resides on the old homestead farm, and they have one child, Pearl Irene. Blanche H., living at home, was a student in Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa.

Mrs. Jonasson and her family are all members of the Methodist church and are held in high regard by those with whom they have come in contact. In addition to her town and farm property Mrs. Jonasson owns stock in the First National Bank of Blanchard. The land, formerly in possession of her husband and not included in the old homestead, was divided among the children after his death. Mr. Jonasson also left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name for he was always honorable and upright in his business, never taking advantage of the necessities of another in any transaction but seeking his success by earnest, persistent and honorable effort.

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#### S. A. JOHNSON.

S. A. Johnson, one of the leading farmers of Fremont township and a member of the board of township trustees, was born in Sweden, September 19, 1857. His parents, John and Anna (Swanson) Johnson, came to the United States in 1869. They made a short stay in Atkinson and also at Cambridge, Henry county, Illinois, and about a year later took up their abode at Swedona, Illinois, where they remained for thirteen years. In 1882 they came to Page county, Iowa, settling in the vicinity of Essex, where they resided until called to their final rest, the father dying in the fall of 1908 when in his ninety-fourth year, while the mother passed away in February, 1900, in her eighty-second year. On coming to this country the father took the name of John Ask, by which he was afterward known.

S. A. Johnson was a youth of eleven years when his parents crossed the Atlantic. He continued at home until his thirteenth year, when, because

of the limited financial resources of his parents, he began to provide for his own support, working by the month as a farm hand. While his educational opportunities in this country were limited, yet in his native land he had received thorough training in the common schools. He proved himself diligent and persevering in his farm work and, therefore never found it difficult to secure a situation during the eleven years in which he was employed.

On the 19th of January, 1883, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Nelson, of Shenandoah, who was a native of Sweden and came to the United States in 1873. The spring following his marriage Mr. Johnson began farming for himself as a renter and thus busily tilled the soil for five years. In the fall of 1887 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, to which he removed and which has since been his place of residence. He has been very successful in his chosen life work, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation, practicing the rotation of crops and utilizing the modern methods of farming to make his work productive. He has made a specialty of the breeding and raising of hogs and this has constituted a profitable branch of his business.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson has been blessed with seven children, six of whom are yet living, as follows: Hilda Otelia, Ellen D., Elmer N., Lawrence A., Quincy B., and Verna C. All are yet under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Johnson has long been an earnest and stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is a member of the present school board and in the fall of 1896 was elected to the board of trustees of Fremont township, in which position he served so capably and faithfully that in the fall of 1908 he was re-elected to the office and is now the incumbent in that position. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and its teachings constitute the guiding influence in their lives. Mr. Johnson may truly be called a self-made man for he has been dependent upon his own resources from early boyhood and has worked his way upward along the legitimate steps of an honorable business career. He is now a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Essex and is one of the substantial and influential men of Fremont township. His business record is one which will bear close inspection and scrutiny, for the course which he has followed has at all times been an honorable and upright one.

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#### JAMES J. DOTY.

While some men attain success by patient perseverance in lines of business already well defined and marked out, others owe their prosperity to the fact that they originate new enterprises which they conduct along well defined lines of trade until a most satisfactory remuneration is gained. Of the latter class James J. Doty is a representative. He was the organizer

and is the president of the Economy Hog & Cattle Powder Company and is thus one of Shenandoah's most prominent business men, for the industry is one of the most important and successful in the city.

His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 10th of October, 1874, his parents being John C. and Ann Elizabeth (Jackson) Doty. The father was a native of Scotland but was only seven years of age when brought from the land of hills and heather to the United States by his parents, who located in New York city. Later they removed westward to Chicago, where both the father and mother of John C. Doty passed away during the cholera epidemic. John C. Doty was reared to manhood in his parents' home and at the time of the Civil war offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of the Sixty-fourth Illinois Regiment. He was captured twice while at the front and for a short period was confined in Andersonville prison. At the close of his military experience he returned to Chicago, where he lived for a few years. He was then married and located on a farm in Bureau county, Illinois. In 1888 he came westward to Iowa, settling in Guthrie county, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, cultivating the soil of that farm until 1894, when he put aside the more active business cares and took up his abode in Shenandoah, where he is now living at the age of sixty-four years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife, who is sixty-three years of age, is connected with the Christian Scientists.

James J. Doty was reared at home, acquiring his education in the district schools and in the Shenandoah high school, while later he pursued a business course in the Western Normal College. His father's financial resources did not permit of him receiving a university education and when eighteen years of age he started out in life on his own account. He was first employed as a clerk in the grocery store of C. S. Andrews, with whom he remained for three years. Later he engaged in the coal, flour and feed business and gradually transferred his interests to the Economy Hog & Cattle Powder Company. He was the organizer of this company and established a business which is now of large and profitable proportions. He has given to the public an article of value to the farmer and stock-raiser, and the sale of his output is very extensive. In addition to his interests along that line he is a director of the Iowa Wagon Company and a stockholder in the Commercial National Bank and also in the Security Trust & Savings Company. His name is an honored one on commercial paper and his opinions are received with attention in business circles for the success which he has achieved proves their worth.

It was on the 16th of November, 1898, that Mr. Doty was united in marriage to Miss Lema M. Jividen, of Onawa, Iowa, and unto them has been born one child, Forrest Jividen. Mr. Doty holds membership in Shenandoah Lodge, No. 261, I. O. O. F.; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; and Nishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W. He is also a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward, while his political views are manifest in his support of the democratic party at the polls. He belongs to the Shenandoah Commercial Club and has

served as a member of the board of trustees of the public library. He is a recognized leader in various business enterprises and in public movements, in all of which the community is an indirect beneficiary. He is a successful man, not only carrying forward to completion whatever he undertakes in a financial way but also accomplishing what he undertakes for the good of the community. He is justly accounted one of the men of prominence in Shenandoah and his social qualities have made him popular with his fellow townsmen.

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### JOSEPH AURACHER.

Few men in recent years have figured more prominently in grain and live-stock interests in Page county than Joseph Auracher, being the owner of some of the finest cattle in the United States. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Northampton county on the 9th of March, 1862, a son of Christian and Mary (Buzzard) Auracher. The father was a native of Germany, while the mother was born in America of French extraction. The parents were married in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and in 1869 came with their family to Iowa, locating on a farm in Louisa county, where their remaining days were spent. The father passed away in September, 1879, at the age of sixty-three years, while the mother's death occurred in 1899, when she had reached her seventy-third year.

On the home farm Joseph Auracher was reared to manhood, acquiring his early education in the public schools, while later he pursued a business course at the Eastern Normal College at Columbus Junction, Iowa. During the meantime he had devoted the hours not spent in study to assisting his father in the work of the farm, and he remained under the parental roof until the fall of 1885, when he went to Shenandoah, Iowa, and engaged in business on his own account, forming a partnership with O. H. Schenck in the grain business. They operated at Shenandoah and Bingham under the firm name of Schenck & Auracher, the relationship existing for about eighteen months. At the expiration of that period Mr. Auracher purchased his partner's interest in the business which he has since conducted independently. The enterprise, which has been most successful from the first, has enjoyed a rapid and continuous growth and now has branches at Bingham and Summit, Mr. Auracher being considered one of the leading grain men in this section of the state. He has also found time to devote his attention to other lines of activity and for the past six years he has been engaged in raising and breeding registered polled Angus cattle, and in this latter branch of his business he has been remarkably successful. He now owns some of the finest cattle of this breed in the United States and has taken premiums at all of the fairs of Page county and the surrounding counties. At Lincoln, Nebraska, he exhibited three animals and was awarded three premiums, and also exhibited at the Iowa state fair. His stock farm is located in Walnut township, Fremont county, and is known throughout

the state for its fine cattle. Preeminently a man of business, he conducts his activities in an energetic and determined manner and is a man who brings things to pass, never doing anything by halves. These characteristics have proved the salient elements in a prosperity which is now ranking him among the successful and substantial business men of Page county

Mr. Auracher laid the foundation for a happy home life by his marriage, on the 9th of March, 1893, to Miss May Scholl, of Shenandoah, Iowa, the couple being prominent among a large circle of warm friends. Fraternally Mr. Auracher holds membership in Nishna Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M., and is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while along the line of his business he is the president of the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Association of the state of Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, in the affairs of which he is deeply and helpfully interested, and he has served on the city council for about seven years. Public-spirited, his influence has at all times been upon the side of progress, improvement, reform and advancement. His has been a life of continuous activity, inspired by laudable ambition, and his enterprise and aggressiveness have stood him well in the battle of life, winning him the prosperity which he now enjoys and placing him in the foremost rank as a representative citizen of Page county.

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#### CLYDE W. TURNER.

The business interests of Coin, Iowa, are ably represented by Clyde W. Turner, who is engaged in the undertaking and embalming business in this city. He claims Page county as the place of his birth, which occurred January 11, 1878, his parents being James W. and Martha (Turk) Turner, natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Page county in 1858, where they took up their permanent home, the father engaging in general farming until about eighteen years prior to his demise, when he retired from active business and took up his residence in Coin. He passed away in July, 1906, but the mother still survives and makes her home with the subject of this review. In their family were the following children: Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. E. E. Lymer, residing at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Sultana, deceased; John C., who has also passed away; Grant P.; George W.; James E.; William A.; Judson L.; and Clyde W.

Clyde W. Turner spent the years of his early boyhood on his father's farm and received his early training in the schools at Long Branch, later attending the high school at College Springs, while his education was completed in the high school at Coin. After laying aside his text-books he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Third United States Volunteer Engineers, serving for one year, at the expiration of which period he was mustered out with his regiment. He then engaged in the restaurant business at Randolph, Iowa, for one year, and next became identified with the undertaking business, first in connection with C.

D. Chapman, of Shenandoah, with whom he remained for about eighteen months, and later as an embalmer for McCowen & Son of Clarinda, for whom he worked two and a half years. During his connection with Mr. Chapman he had taken an examination before the state board at Des Moines, Iowa, and received a diploma as an embalmer, so that, after severing his connection with McCowen & Son, he was qualified to enter the business on his own account. Accordingly he purchased his present business from A. E. Swift, although it was then known as the Dowell Undertaking & Furniture Company, and has since directed his energies toward its control. He has been very successful in his undertaking for he has attempted to meet all of the demands of his patrons and his service in their behalf has ever been most satisfactory.

It was on the 3d of October, 1906, that Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Lottie C. Herren, a daughter of David and Mary Louise (Carter) Herren, who were early settlers of Page county, and are now both deceased. She was one of a large family of children, the other members being: Catherine, the wife of Al Wagner; Dr. Herren, now deceased; Kemp, who resides in Newmarket, Iowa; Jennie, the wife of Lou Elgin, of Des Moines; Roy; Georgia, who married Henry Anan; Harley; and Nannie, the wife of Jesse McCowen. The union of Mr. Turner and Mrs. Turner has been blessed with the birth of one son, Clinton H., born on the 3d of August, 1909.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Turner belongs to Coin Lodge, No. 455, I. O. O. F., and also to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has voted with the republican party and is a loyal supporter of the principles thereof. He is at present serving as alderman of the city being elected on that ticket. Having passed almost his entire life in Page county, his many sterling traits of character have won for him the respect and esteem of his fellowmen, and he ranks among the substantial, progressive and representative business men of the community.

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#### LENUS HAGGLUND.

Among Page county's residents who are known beyond the district in which they live is Lenus Hagglund, whose fame in connection with the propagation of seed corn has spread abroad throughout the land. He is now living in Pierce township, where he owns an excellent farm of two hundred acres, and while he has gained fame in the line mentioned, he is doing equally good work in other departments of farming and stock raising. He was born in Sweden, May 11, 1864, and was only three years of age when brought to the United States by his parents, Erick and Britta (Johnson) Hagglund, who arrived in America in 1867. They made their first location at Andover, Illinois, where the father purchased forty acres of land, which he carefully tilled and cultivated until 1876. That year wit-



nessed his arrival in Page county and, locating in Fremont township, he made investment in eighty acres of land, upon which he resided up to the time of his death in the spring of 1882. He was then sixty-seven years of age. His widow still survives and is yet living on the old homestead with her youngest daughter. The father followed a seafaring life for twenty-six years prior to his emigration to the new world.

Lenus Hagglund was reared at home, acquiring his education in the district schools of Illinois and Iowa, and through the periods of vacation assisted actively in the work of the home farm. In 1887 he purchased eighty acres of land in Pierce township and began farming on his own account. On the 19th of March, 1891, he was married to Miss Alice Seablom, of Tarkio township, and about that time sold his Pierce township farm and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Montgomery county, upon which he resided for three years. He then sold that property and returned to Pierce township, investing in his present farm of two hundred acres, where he has made his home continually since.

Mr. Hagglund has gained a national reputation through the propagation of corn. He has made a close, thorough and scientific study of the growing of corn and for two terms attended the State Agricultural College at Ames. For several years now he has made a specialty of growing seed corn. He makes what he terms "an ear to the row" test each season. His plan is to select one hundred or any other number of select ears of corn and plant fifty hills of corn from each ear, numbering the ear and the row. He then retains all the kernels left upon the ear after the planting has been done and awaits the results. On harvesting the crop he weighs the corn from each row and from the best results he selects from each ear his next year's seed. Thus he is continually improving the seed corn which he raises and so superior is the quality which he sends out that he has gained a national reputation. He has taken more premiums at the county institutes than any man in Page county and has never exhibited without receiving a premium. In 1908 he won the sweepstakes of Iowa at the National Corn Show at Omaha, where there were five or six hundred exhibitors. In addition to the cultivation of corn and other cereals he is also engaged to some extent in stock raising, feeding a carload of cattle and one of hogs annually. He is one of the best known men in this section, being recognized as a most progressive farmer, who is not only in touch with the spirit of advancement that is manifest in agricultural life but has been a leader in progressive movements.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hagglund has been blessed with five children: Irene E., Bernard L., Raymond S., Oliver E. and Wallace J. The daughter is a graduate of the Essex high school and is now a student at Ames College. The parents hold membership in the Swedish Lutheran church and Mr. Hagglund gives his political allegiance to the republican party. For eleven years he has served as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is interested in all matters of vital moment to the county and his cooperation can be counted upon to further any movement for the general good. He belongs

also to the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the work which he has done in connection with corn propagation has made his name most widely known. His labors in this direction have been of direct benefit to the great agricultural population of the country and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

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### LUDVIG T. FALK.

The extent and importance of the farming and stock-raising interests of Ludvig T. Falk, make him one of the representatives of modern, scientific farming in Page county. He is living on section 20, Fremont township, and is conducting a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, whereon he is extensively breeding and raising live stock. His birth occurred in Henry county, Illinois, September 20, 1874, his parents being John F. and Sophia (Johnson) Falk, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father was brought to this country by his parents when but three years of age, while the mother in early womanhood crossed the Atlantic. They became residents of Henry county, Illinois, where they were married, and the year 1881 witnessed their removal from that locality to Page county, Iowa, where the father purchased the first land that he ever owned, making investment in what is now known as the Falk homestead of three hundred and twenty acres on section 20, Fremont township. He resided upon this place until the spring of 1902, when he resolved to retire from active life, for he had acquired a handsome competence, his financial resources being sufficient to enable him to live comfortably without further recourse to labor. He then turned the farm over to his son and removed to Essex, where he has since lived a retired life. He was very energetic and industrious and in addition to the home property he also owned a quarter section of land in Pierce township, adjoining Essex on the east. In business matters his judgment is sound and reliable, and what he has undertaken he has carried forward to successful completion, his record proving what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, and while in Henry county he was a candidate for sheriff but was defeated. He never sought nor desired office in Page county, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which carefully directed, brought to him the success which places him among the men of affluence in this part of the state.

Ludvig T. Falk spent his youthful days in the usual manner of most farm lads. He was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to Page county and here he was reared on the old homestead, acquiring his education in the public schools and spending many happy hours in sports in which boys of the period indulged. He also received ample training in the work of the farm and in the spring of 1897 he began farming on his own account and for two years cultivated a portion of his father's land. In 1899 he removed to the farm near Essex and to its further development

devoted his energies for three years, or until 1902, when his parents removed to Essex and, as stated, he took charge of the homestead of three hundred and twenty acres in Fremont township. This he has since conducted. He not only has practical knowledge of the work of the fields but also a comprehensive knowledge of scientific farming, knowing much of the nature of the soil and the needs of the crops, together with the best methods of production. He is now one of the more successful agriculturists of this part of the county, annually harvesting rich crops, while at the same time he has been extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of horses. For some years past he has been feeding from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five head of cattle and in fact in all of his farm interests his work is conducted along an extensive scale.

On the 6th of September, 1899, Mr. Falk was married to Miss Alice Shoberg, of Pierce township. They have three children: Annis M. H., Vina E., and Elpha C. In the community they are widely and favorably known. Mr. Falk belongs to Mountain Lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M. and gives his political support to the republican party. While he does not seek office as a reward for party fealty, he is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship. He is serving as president of the school board and is a stalwart champion of progressive education. In business affairs he is thoroughly energetic and reliable, and his well managed and extensive interests make him one of the leading representatives of farming and stock raising in the county.

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#### LEVI BAKER.

Levi Baker, a man of action rather than of theory, who carefully formulates his plans and is determined in their execution, was born at Middlegrove, Illinois, in 1846. He resided upon a farm until about fourteen years of age and during that period acquired his early education in the public schools of Canton and of Galesburg, Illinois. He also attended the State Normal University at Bloomington and was thus well qualified by liberal educational training for life's practical and responsible duties.

The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Page county, at which time he settled in the eastern part of Grant township on the West Tarkio river. His place was on a tract of land of eighty acres and upon this he began raising corn and hogs. His financial progress is due to his close application and his earnest purpose. As the years have gone by he has prospered in his farming operations and has also extended his business activities into other fields, becoming a director of the First National Bank of Shenandoah and also the president of the Independent Mutual Telephone Company, which is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Baker is also president of the Commercial National Bank of Essex, Iowa, which is one of the oldest and most substantial financial institutions of Page county, established in 1875.

On the 13th of May, 1873, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine C. Farnham and unto them were born four children, three daughters and a son, all of whom are now living, namely: Estella, the wife of J. J. Weber, of Sedalia, Missouri; Wilma, the wife of J. W. Ratekin, of Shenandoah; Louise, the wife of R. R. Lawson, also of Shenandoah; and Eugene, of the same city.

Mr. Baker has always loved agricultural life and now resides on a farm within the city limits of Shenandoah. He takes life quite easy, for his enterprise and diligence in former years have brought to him a substantial competence, releasing him from the necessity of further arduous labor. However, indolence and idleness are foreign to his nature and when not occupied with business cares his activity reaches out to other interests, many of which directly are beneficial to the county and to the country at large. He is now a member of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress and also vice president in the congress for Iowa. He has never allowed the words discouragement or failure to have place in his vocabulary, believing that one can accomplish what he wishes if he will but put forth the necessary effort to do so. In all that he has undertaken Mr. Baker has found success for he has never allowed obstacles or difficulties to bar his path when they could be overcome by honest purpose and indefatigable energy.

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#### GEORGE R. MORSE.

Situated in the midst of one of the richest agricultural and stock-raising districts of the entire country, Shenandoah has become a center of manufacture for remedies that are required when disease makes its inroads on the farms where live stock is handled. To such an enterprise George R. Morse is giving his energies, being well known as manufacturer of the Royal Live Stock Remedies. His business is now large and of an important character, placing him with the substantial merchants of the town.

He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Bureau county on the 31st of August, 1867. His parents were Ruel W. and Jemima (Morgan) Morse. The father was a native of Maine, tracing his ancestry back to one of three brothers who came to this country in the seventeenth century and located in New England. In his boyhood days, prompted by a restless spirit and a love of adventure, Ruel W. Morse ran away from home and shipped as a sailor. For several years thereafter he sailed from eastern ports to the West Indies, but at length, tiring of the sea, he engaged in railroad work and was in charge of one of the first trains that ran over the Quincy branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. A decade was then devoted to railway interests as an engineer, but after his father's death he resigned his position on the railroad to look after the settlement of the estate. When this was accomplished he turned his attention to the milling business, owning and operating a mill at Buda, Illinois, in partnership with J. B. Stewart. In this connection they con-

ducted an extensive enterprise that brought to them well merited remuneration.

It was in the fall of 1879 that Mr. Morse left Illinois and came to Iowa. In the spring of 1880 he settled in Shenandoah, Page county, and from that time forward was a dominant factor in the upbuilding and development of this progressive little city. He possessed a notable initiative spirit and much constructive ability, and in those early days there was no movement put forth for the advancement of Shenandoah that did not feel the stimulus of his activity and profit by his cooperation. He was the prime mover and the organizer of the first light plant in Shenandoah, which he controlled for thirteen years and which, in 1891, was incorporated under the name of the Shenandoah Electric Light & Power Company. As the city grew he saw what might be accomplished in real-estate fields and laid out and platted several subdivisions. He was very enthusiastic concerning the future of the town and imbued others with the same spirit of enterprise and progress. After taking up his bode here he engaged extensively in the grain trade, having elevators at Shenandoah, Summit and Imogene. He also established himself in the lumber business, which he conducted for a number of years, and then sold out to the Green Bay Lumber Company. The word fail had no place in his vocabulary. He displayed remarkable prescience in foreseeing the opportunities for the city and county, utilized his advantages in the best possible manner and, while working for individual success, also contributed in substantial measure to the public progress. Aside from his business affairs in Shenandoah Mr. Morse became interested in mining in the Black Hills and was a heavy stockholder in the Squaw mine tunnel and in other properties in that region. He attained high rank in Masonry and was very familiar with the work of the craft and the principles upon which it was founded. In politics he was a republican and served for some years as a member of the town council, at all times exercising his official prerogative in support of many measures for the public good. He was also an active worker in the Baptist church, and his interest in moral progress was manifest in his generous support of and active cooperation in the various branches of the work. He died December 14, 1904, at the age of sixty-seven years, and his death was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret. He was a man of kindly spirit, of generous disposition and of broad humanitarianism. While he never courted popularity he held friendship inviolable and as true worth could always win his regard he had a very extensive circle of friends. The public work which he did was largely performed as a private citizen, yet made extensive demands upon his time, his thought and his energies. In his life were the elements of greatness because of the use he made of his talents and his opportunities, his thoughts being given to the mastery of great problems and the fulfillment of his duties as a man in his relations as a man to his state and his country.

George R. Morse, whose name introduces this review, was reared in his father's home and acquired his education in the public and high schools of Shenandoah, together with a business course in the Western Normal Col-

lege. In 1888 he became associated with his father in the lumber trade, and from that time on they were closely identified in all of their business enterprises. As the father advanced in years the son more and more largely relieved him of the arduous duties connected with the management of affairs. Mr. Morse and his father were much more closely associated than the average parent and son. They spent most of their time together, interested in the same projects and thinking along the same lines. From the organization of the electric light plant, when it needed careful management to make it a substantial enterprise, George R. Morse gave to the business his attention almost day and night, personally ran the engine and the dynamos, climbed the poles and wired the houses. From a plant with five hundred lamps he built it up to an enterprise of five thousand lamps, and during that time paid six per cent dividends to the stockholders. He was actively associated with the business until it was sold in 1904. In April, 1905, he purchased the Trotter & Amburg grocery business, which he carried on successfully for fourteen months, when he disposed of his mercantile enterprise and turned his attention to the manufacture of live-stock remedies, in which he has since built up an extensive business. He is also a stockholder in several of Shenandoah's manufacturing concerns, and his sound judgment makes his opinions of value in the conduct of any industrial or commercial concern.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Morse was married to Miss Alice Peairs, of Carrollton, Missouri, and unto them have been born three children, Ruel W., George F. and Elthea M. Mr. Morse is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, A. F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; Juniata Lodge, No. 195, K. P.; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; Nishna Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W.; and Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A. Mr. Morse is a member of the board of directors of the Western Normal College and his interest in public affairs is evidenced by the active and extensive cooperation which he gives to every movement for the public good. While he was fortunate in his entrance into business circles, having the benefit of his father's association and success, he has yet proved in his later career that in his own life are the elements of capable management, discriminating judgment and unfaltering perseverance. He is a well known, prominent and honored representative of industrial and financial affairs in Shenandoah.

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#### JOHN M. HILGERSON.

A good farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 9, Pierce township, is the property of John M. Hilgersen and in its cultivation and further improvement his time is busily occupied with the result that he is meeting success in his efforts. He was born in Sweden on the 15th January, 1844, his parents being Hilga and Catherine (Jones) Hilgersen, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. Mr. Hilgersen of this review was

reared and educated in his native land and remained a resident thereof until 1869, when as a young man of twenty-five years he made the ocean voyage to the United States. During the fall of that year he was employed at railroad construction work in Mercer county, Illinois, having made his way to that county immediately after landing in America. Throughout the following summer he worked by the month as a farm hand and in the fall secured employment in the brickyards. In 1871 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account by renting a tract of land, in the cultivation of which he was successfully engaged for four years.

It was in the spring of 1875 that Mr. Hilgersen came to Page county, Iowa, purchasing eighty acres of the farm whereon he now resides and which has been in his possession for the past thirty-four years. As time has passed and his financial resources have increased he has gradually extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, which responds readily to cultivation. That effective methods of farming are employed is indicated in the rich harvests which are annually gathered, for he secures extensive crops of corn and other cereals. Practically all the corn raised on the farm is fed to his stock. Mr. Hilgersen is likewise a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Savings Bank of Essex and is well known and highly esteemed as one of the substantial and influential citizens of his community.

In 1871 Mr. Hilgersen was joined in wedlock to Miss Anna L. Carlson, of Aledo, Illinois, whose birth occurred in Sweden. The two children born of this union, Carl O. and Frank O., are now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Hilgersen is independent, voting for the man whom he believes best qualified for office without regard to party affiliation. He has served for several years as a member of the school board, being a staunch friend of the cause of education. Coming to the United States in early manhood, he has made good use of the opportunities and advantages here offered and by close application and untiring energy has worked his way steadily upward, having won a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity. Within the borders of this county, where he has now made his home for more than a third of a century, he is most widely and favorably known.

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#### THOMAS P. HARRIS.

Thomas P. Harris, the proprietor of the Clarinda Laundry, was born in New Athens, Ohio, on the 24th of May, 1880, a son of William H. and Hulda (Evans) Harris. The father who was a successful merchant, is now deceased. Mr. Harris of this review received his preliminary education in the public schools and subsequently pursued a course in the law department of Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa. For fifteen years he has been engaged in the laundry business, working first in Des Moines and later in



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Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1908 he made his way to Clarinda, Page county, Iowa, and bought the laundry which he has since conducted, having established agencies in more than twenty outside towns and cities. He employs from eight to twelve people in the plant, which is equipped throughout with electrical power and is one of the best laundries to be found in the entire state in a town the size of Clarinda. A man of keen discrimination and excellent business ability, Mr. Harris has already won a gratifying measure of prosperity in the conduct of his interests and is widely recognized as a most substantial, enterprising and representative citizen of the county.

On the 2d of March, 1904, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Grace McKinnon, a resident of Clarinda and a daughter of Taylor McKinnon, who is connected with an implement house of Clarinda. Mr. Harris is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church and is a young man whose upright and honorable life has won him the warm regard and esteem of his associates.

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#### CHARLES A. HAMILTON.

Charles A. Hamilton, a general contractor, whose efficiency in his chosen line of business has won him a liberal patronage and substantial success, was born in Hamburg, Fremont county, Iowa, on the 14th of May, 1868. He is a son of William and Mary (McDonald) Hamilton. His father was one of the early settlers of Hamburg, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, becoming one of the best known physicians in this section of the state, his professional skill being widely recognized in Fremont, Page and adjoining counties during the early days. His practice extended over that region and in the path of duty he met many hardships, being often exposed to the storms of winter as well as the heat of summer. He never regarded any personal discomfort or sacrifice too great, however, if he could aid his fellowmen, and in many a household throughout this part of the state he was held in loving respect and warm regard because of the aid which he rendered in the hour of need. He died in 1881 at the age of fifty-six years, and following his death his widow became the wife of A. J. Wilson, of Hamburg, where she now resides.

In his father's home Charles A. Hamilton spent the period of his boyhood and youth and at the usual age was sent as a pupil to the public schools, therein continuing his studies through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. In 1888, when twenty years of age, he went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he served an apprenticeship to the plumbing and heating trade and after becoming familiar with the business continued in that line of activity in Sioux City for seven years. In 1902 he came to Shenandoah and accepted the position with J. J. Dunnegan, who was at that time engaged in the plumbing and heating business in this city. For seven years he remained with Mr. Dunnegan and then purchased his employer's business in partnership with O. H. Frink. The enterprise was thereafter

conducted under the firm style of Frink & Hamilton for four years, at the expiration of which period the junior partner sold his interest and turned his attention to general contracting, in which line he has been very successful. He is thorough, accurate and reliable in all of his business transactions and the salient qualities of his business life are such as have won for him substantial and continually increasing success.

Mr. Hamilton is not alone well known in business lines, for in fields of activity relative to the general welfare his work is also known. He takes an active interest in the political situation of the day, gives stalwart support to the republican party and is ever able to uphold his position by intelligent argument. He is now acting as secretary of the republican central committee of Page county and is also ward committeeman of Shenandoah. He believes most firmly in the principles of his party and while he does not seek office for himself his loyalty in citizenship prompts him to give unfaltering aid to the great organization which he believes is best calculated to promote good government. Fraternally Mr. Hamilton is well known as a member of Shenandoah Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; Nishna Lodge, A. O. U. W.; the Brotherhood of the American Yeomen; the Royal Neighbors; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of Shenandoah and his cooperation is generously and helpfully given to every movement calculated to benefit the city or promote the substantial growth or adornment, thereby rendering it a more attractive place of residence. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and do all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence.

In 1891 Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Emma May Storey, of Sioux City, Iowa, and unto them have been born three children: Gifford William, Lavone and Charles. The family residence is a handsome home at No. 600 Elm street, which is the property of Mr. Hamilton. Unaided at the outset of his career by special advantages or opportunities, he has steadily worked his way upward, placing his dependence in the substantial qualities of energy and well directed activity. His unflagging industry has been accorded due recognition in the success which is now his. He is a man of forceful character, whose good qualities are recognized by his fellow townsmen, many of whom entertain for him the warmest regard.

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#### THOMAS P. KEENAN.

A well developed farm property on section 16, Grant township, is owned and cultivated by Thomas P. Keenan, who has here one hundred and sixty acres that are carefully tilled. He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Dubuque county, on the 25th of May, 1860. His parents were James and Rose (McCauley) Keenan, natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married. About 1853 or 1854 they bade adieu to the Green Isle of Erin and came to the United States, attracted by the enticing

reports which they heard concerning the conditions of the new world and its business opportunities. They established their home in Dubuque county, Iowa, near the city of Dubuque, where the father engaged in general farming, there residing for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Mills county, Iowa, where he secured a section of land and resided for twenty-five years. On selling that property he became a resident of Wayne county, Nebraska, and purchased a quarter section of land, on which he resided for thirteen years. Once more he sold out and then established his home in the town of Wayne, where he is now living retired, enjoying a rest that he has truly won and richly deserves. In the early '80s he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away when sixty years of age.

As a public-school student, Thomas P. Keenan mastered the common branches of learning, and as a farm boy he became familiar with the work of the fields, diligently pursuing his tasks until his broad experience well qualified him for work of that character when he started out for himself. He rented his first land in Mills county after his marriage and there engaged in farming for three years, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont county, four miles west of Imogene. It was his place of abode for thirteen years and when he sold out he made investment in his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grant township, Page county, to which he removed. Here he has since resided and his well developed farm shows that there are few idle hours in his life, for his time is well used in developing and improving his place.

On the 25th of May, 1885, occurred the marriage of Mr. Keenan and Miss Mary Skahill, of Imogene, Fremont county, Iowa. They became the parents of seven children, of whom five are living: Bertha and Loretta, both of whom are graduates of the Western Normal College at Shenandoah; Ruth; Walter J.; and Rose. The family all are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Keenan gives his political allegiance to the democracy.

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#### DR. GEORGE W. REED.

The home farm of Dr. George W. Reed comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land a mile west and a quarter of a mile south of Shambaugh, on the Harlan and Amity township road. Of this forty acres lies on section 2, Amity township, and eighty acres across the road on section 35, Harlan township. In the midst of the latter stands the family residence, around which are seen some fine trees, while in the rear are good barns and outbuildings, together with all the accessories and equipments of a model farm. Dr. Reed is busily employed in the cultivation and further improvement of this place.

He was born in Kirkville, Iowa, December 16, 1858, and was only eighteen months old when his parents removed to Braddyville. He is one of the

eight children of Mitchell and Sarah (Foster) Reed, who were born, reared and married in Harrison county, Ohio, and came to Iowa in 1853 or 1854. They took up their abode in Page county in 1860 and the father now resides in Braddyville at the venerable age of eighty-two years, while his wife passed away in 1893 at the age of sixty-three years. Their children were as follows: Samuel, now living in Cass county, Missouri; Sarah Jane, who is the widow of Hugh Armstrong, of Sloan, Iowa; William, who is a miller; Emmett, living in College Springs, this county; George W.; Frank, whose home is in Braddyville; Ella, the wife of Robert Johnson, living at Earl, Nebraska; and Thomas, also of Braddyville.

Since brought to this county in his infancy, Dr. Reed has resided continuously within its borders save for a period of about four years, which he spent in Mercer county, Missouri. His youth was passed upon a farm near Braddyville in Buchanan township which is still owned by his father, and in his boyhood he worked in the fields from the time that he was old enough to handle the plow. The summer months were passed in the active work of the farm and in the winter season he pursued his education in the public schools. He remained upon the old homestead up to the time of his marriage, when he started out in business life on his own account, settling upon a tract of rented land which he continued to cultivate for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Mercer county and bought a farm of eighty-two acres, which he cultivated for four years, when he sold out and returned to Page county. He then again rented land for nine years, during which period his unfaltering diligence and careful expenditure brought him sufficient capital to justify his purchase of his present farm.

Dr. Reed bought this property sixteen years ago and has made his home thereon for thirteen years. It is pleasantly and conveniently located not far from Shambaugh, on the dividing line between Harlan and Amity townships, and all of the improvements thereon have been made by him. He has set out trees, erected the buildings and has carried on the work in accordance with the ideas of progressive and modern farming. His attention is now given to the cultivation of corn and other cereals and also to the raising of stock, and both branches of his business are proving remunerative. On the 31st of December, 1900, he received a state certificate enabling him to practice veterinary surgery, to which he has given more or less attention throughout the past twenty years.

On March 31, 1880, Dr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Flora Robinson, who was born in College Springs, Iowa, in May, 1857, and died September 7, 1891. She was a daughter of Eli Robinson. The children of that marriage were: Nellie, who died at the age of four years; Sallie, who died when a year old; Ada; and Bonnie. For his second wife, whom he wedded on the 15th of April, 1892, Dr. Reed chose Mrs. Eliza (Case) McDonald, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, August 2, 1868, and was the widow of Daniel McDonald and a daughter of T. P. and Caroline (Neil) Case. Mrs. Reed had two children by her former marriage, Gertie Fern McDonald and Daniel McDonald, both of whom are now living with

Dr. Reed. There have been three children born of the second marriage: Elsie L., Nellie Pearl and George Porter.

In his political views Dr. Reed is a republican and has studied the political signs of the times and believes that the best elements of good government are conserved through the party which he supports by his ballot. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Shambaugh and in its teachings finds incentive for the upright life which he lives.

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#### WILLIAM L. LITTLE.

William L. Little, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Colfax township, owns and cultivates one hundred acres of excellent land. In his business methods he is practical, and the enterprising spirit which he displays enables him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles which usually bar the path to success. He has always lived in Iowa, his birth having occurred in Lee county, October 13, 1865. His parents were Samuel R. and Rebecca (Wilson) Little. The father was born near Zanesville, Ohio, in 1833 and when a boy removed to Illinois, residing near Paxton until he had reached early manhood. He then became a resident of Lee county, Iowa, and turned his attention to farming. He married there, established his home and reared his family in that locality and in Page county. His death occurred in October, 1904, and he is still survived by his wife, who is a native of Indiana and now makes her home in Colfax township, Page county. They were the parents of three children: Wilson M., who is living in Amity township; Martha, the wife of Orin Slough, of Colfax township, their residence being on the old homestead farm; and William L.

The last named came to Page county with his parents in 1871. They settled near Page Center, where they lived for about two years and then removed to Colfax township, taking up their abode upon the farm where Mrs. Little still resides. The father first purchased eighty acres of land, which at that time was all raw prairie, but with characteristic energy he began to turn the furrows and in course of time transformed the wild land into productive fields. He erected all of the buildings upon the place and later extended the boundaries of his farm by the purchase of an additional tract of eighty acres. Throughout his entire life he continued actively in farming, save for the period of his service as a soldier of the Civil war. In 1864 he enlisted as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service for about seven months, after which he was mustered out owing to the termination of hostilities. While living in this county he served as school director and in other local offices and he was a member of the United Presbyterian church of College Springs.

William L. Little remained in Lee county, Iowa, until about seven years of age, and he started to school there. He then removed to this county and continued his education in the district schools and at College Springs.

Since putting aside his text-books his undivided attention has been given to farm work and he is numbered among the progressive agriculturists of the community, having an excellent property of one hundred acres. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors.

On the 15th of February, 1891, Mr. Little was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hazelton, a daughter of Seber B. and Rachel (Keeran) Hazelton, of Lincoln township. They have one adopted daughter, Bessie. Mrs. Little's parents as living in Shambaugh, Iowa, he having retired from active connection with agricultural interests. He was born in Canada and his wife in Guernsey county, Ohio, and they came to Page county about 1873, settling in Harlan township. The father was twice married and by his first union had two children: Melissa, the wife of John Labough, of Kansas; and William, who died in 1893. After losing his first wife Mr. Hazelton wedded Rachel Keeran and their children are six in number: Arra, who is living in Amity township; Mrs. Margaret Little; Hattie, the wife of William Long, of South Dakota; Florence, who is living in Wyoming; Sadie, the wife of Milton Pfander, of this county; and Frank, who is also living in Page county.

Mr. Little gives his political support to the republican party, of which he has always been a stanch advocate, and in the fall of 1908 he was elected township trustee, which position he is now filling. He is also a trustee of the United Presbyterian church of College Springs, to which he and his wife belong. Their influence is always given on the side of progress, improvement, reform and upbuilding. He has made a creditable record in business and is a stockholder in the Coin Lumber Company, while as a farmer he is conducting successful interests, having a valuable tract of land which rewards his care and cultivation in abundant harvests.

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#### J. W. SCHWARTZ.

Centuries ago a Greek philosopher said: "Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth." The truth of this admonition has been verified throughout all the ages to the present time. It has been through a recognition of this adage that J. W. Schwartz won his present creditable position in connection with the industrial interests of Shenandoah. He is now conducting business along general contracting and street paving lines.

His birth occurred in Knox county, Illinois, on the 13th of December, 1847, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Williamson) Schwartz. The father was born and reared in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and as a young man removed westward to Knox county, Illinois, where he acquired the ownership of a farm of three hundred acres, on which he lived for sixty years, thus being long known as one of the representative and valued agriculturists of that district. He died there in June, 1904, at the age of eighty-four years. The farm which he owned is still in possession of

the family and is a very valuable property. It was developed by the father along most scientific lines for as the years passed he kept in touch with the methods of modern agriculture, practicing the rotation of crops, fertilization of the soil and utilizing every means at hand to make his fields produce the maximum yield. His political support was given to the democracy but while he upheld the men and measures of the party at the polls he never sought or desired office for himself. His wife, who was born in Indiana, removed to Knox county with her parents during her girlhood days, the family casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of that part of the state. They lived there when the wolves howled around their log cabin and when the various evidences of frontier life were to be seen. Mrs. Schwartz continued a resident of Knox county up to the time of her demise, which occurred in 1873 when she was forty-nine years of age.

J. W. Schwartz was reared at home, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farmer boy who divides his time between the work of the fields and the attainment of an education in the district schools. In the April following his twenty-first birthday he began farming on his own account as a renter and for five years followed agricultural pursuits in Knox county. Believing that he would have better opportunities in becoming the owner of a farm in a district less thickly settled he removed to Iowa in 1875, settling in Fremont county. A year later he purchased a tract of land of eighty acres, on which he resided until 1883, when he sold out and came to Shenandoah. Here he engaged in the restaurant business, with which he was identified for three years, when he was elected town marshal and served in that position and in the office of constable for twelve years. On his retirement from official service he began taking contracts for the construction of concrete sidewalks and since 1904 he has been engaged extensively in street paving and general contract work, having been associated with all of the street paving done in Shenandoah and Clarinda. He has also been connected with paving in various other cities, his work at all times being entirely satisfactory, for his methods are of a most practical and modern character. He is likewise interested in the manufacture of cement blocks and his labors in that direction are also contributing in substantial measure to his prosperity.

In 1869 Mr. Schwartz was united in marriage to Miss Nancy M. Boatman, of Knox county, Illinois, her parents removing to that state from Ohio, where the birth of Mrs. Schwartz occurred. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Minnie E., now the wife of B. W. McCurdy, a resident farmer of Fremont county, Iowa; Jennie E., the wife of H. H. Andrews, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; W. Edward, who is associated with his father in the contracting business; Nettie E., the wife of M. J. McCurdy, of Marysville, Missouri; and William R., who is associated with the Bell telephone system in Shenandoah.

Mr. Schwartz votes with the democracy and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, has seen no reason to change his political views since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a member of the Baptist church and is interested in all the movements



pertaining to the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his adopted city. In all of his business career he has followed the maxim that honesty is the best policy and his success has come through his indefatigable energy and his recognition of the opportunities which conditions at the present day present.

His work is at all times thorough and satisfactory and in the line to which he is now devoting his energies he has met with substantial reward.

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### THOMAS STEVENSON.

There are very few residents of Page county who can claim as Thomas Stevenson does to have lived for forty-eight years upon one farm, for in the spring of 1861 he took up his abode with parents on the place on which he now resides on section 11, Harlan township. He was then a young man of twenty-one years and to the development and improvement of the property he has since bent his energies, his ability and enterprise winning him classification with the leading agriculturists of southwestern Iowa.

A native of Ohio, his birth occurred in Muskingum county about twelve miles east of Zanesville, on the 21st of April, 1840, and his youthful days were passed in the home of his parents, Samuel and Margaret (Wallace) Stevenson. The father was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and came to America with his parents when a lad of ten years. He was married in Ohio to Miss Margaret Wallace, a native of Pennsylvania, and they began their domestic life in the Buckeye state, where they continued to reside until 1860, when they sought a home in Iowa, settling first in Delaware county. In the spring of 1861 they came to the farm upon which Thomas Stevenson now resides and both parents spent their remaining days here, the father departing this life in 1886 at the age of seventy-six years, while the mother was called to the home beyond in 1896 when eighty-four years of age. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church and in that faith reared their family, inculcating into the minds of their children the deep and abiding lessons of Christianity. Their sons and daughters are as follows: Robert, now living in Delaware county, Iowa; Thomas; Margaret, the deceased wife of James Humphreys; Mary Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; Mrs. Isabell McDowell Tippin, who is deceased; Agnes, the wife of Simon McCrory, of Jackson county; and Amanda, who is living in Page county.

In taking up the personal history of Thomas Stevenson we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this part of the state, where he has lived for almost a half century. His education was acquired in the common schools of Ohio and his business training was received under the direction of his father, who taught him the value of industry and economy and practical lessons concerning the cultivation of the crops. Since the family arrived in Page county in 1861 Mr. Stevenson has lived continuously upon the farm which is now his home

and which covers eighty acres of land on section 11, Harlan township. He also has another tract of eighty-seven acres on sections 10 and 11 and operates both farms. Neither of these are lacking in the equipments that go to make up the model farm but on the contrary present a neat and attractive appearance. The buildings upon the place are monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the owner, by whom they were erected. From the time of early spring planting until crops are harvested in the late autumn Mr. Stevenson is busily employed in the work of the fields and his diligent efforts constitute the basis of the gratifying success which he has attained.

Mr. Stevenson was married in 1870 to Miss Jane Stevenson, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, February 27, 1852. Her parents were William and Permelia (Daughterty) Stevenson, who were natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively but were married in Bloomington, Indiana. Mrs. Permelia Stevenson died in Des Moines county, Iowa, at the age of thirty-eight years, and her husband afterward married again. His death occurred February 1, 1906, when he had attained the age of seventy-eight years. By his first marriage he had five children: George, who is now living at College Springs, Iowa; Thomas; Mrs. Jane Stevenson, who came to Page county with her father in 1867; Emma, the wife of Champ Ballard, of Redfield, Iowa; and Charles. By his second marriage Mr. Stevenson had six children and by his third marriage he had three children.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevenson has been blessed with five children: Permelia, now the wife of Elmer Black, of Mount Ayr, Iowa; Maggie, who died at the age of thirteen years; Etta, at home; James, living in Harlan township; and Elmer, at home. The family is widely and favorably known in every part of the county where they have many friends and where the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. They are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church of Harlan township and high principles characterize their lives and actuate them in all of their relations with their friends and neighbors. Mr. Stevenson can tell many interesting incidents of the early days when only here and there throughout the county had a settlement been made and when much of the land was still covered with the native prairie grasses and brush. It was an arduous task to transform this into cultivated fields, but a rich return was received by all who diligently and intelligently carried on farm work, and Mr. Stevenson has received the reward of his labor in that he is now one of the most substantial farmers of Harlan township.

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#### ANDREW P. SEABLON.

Andrew P. Seablom, a most successful and highly esteemed citizen of Page county, devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits, owning a fine farm on section 27, Pierce township. He was born in Sweden on the 9th of September, 1851, his parents being John P. and Evaline (Israelson) Seablom, who emigrated to the United States in the year 1866. They im-

mediately made their way to Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, where the father began farming as a renter. About 1871 he came to Page county and bought a tract of land of eighty acres in Tarkio township, where he made his home until the early '90s, when he took up his abode in Essex. There he lived retired until the time of his death in 1893, when he had attained the ripe old age of seventy-two years. He was well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a most worthy and respected citizen and his demise was the occasion of deep regret to his many friends. His widow still survives at the age of eighty-three years and makes her home in Essex.

Andrew P. Seablom, who acquired his education in the public schools of his native land, was a lad of fifteen years at the time of the emigration of the parents to the new world. He was one of nine children, all of whom were obliged to assist in the support of the family as soon as their age and strength permitted, for the father was in destitute financial circumstances. They found the struggle for existence quite a difficult one, as the Civil war had just been brought to a close and times were very hard. Mr. Seablom of this review secured work as a farm hand at a wage of eight dollars per month and was thus employed until he had attained his majority, his earnings contributing to the support of the family. On reaching the age of twenty-one years he bought his first piece of property, comprising eighty acres of railroad land on section 5, Tarkio township. He borrowed the money necessary to make the first payment on this farm from his brother. A short time afterward, however, he disposed of the property and purchased another farm of eighty acres in Tarkio township, on which he resided for six years. On the expiration of that period he sold the place and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pierce township, which he improved and on which he made his home until he disposed of it in 1898. In that year he went to Butler county, Kansas, where he remained for four years, living on a section of land which he had purchased. On selling out there he removed to Harrison county, Iowa, buying a quarter section of land in the Missouri river bottoms. He continued to reside on that farm for seven years, when he disposed of the property and came to his present place on section 27, Pierce township, Page county, which he had purchased two years before. His residence is in Essex and forty acres of his farm lies within the corporate limits of the town. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with a well merited and gratifying measure of prosperity and he is widely recognized as a most substantial, enterprising and progressive citizen.

On the 2d of August, 1877, Mr. Seablom was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Anderson, a daughter of Andrew J., and Louise C. (Johnson) Anderson, of Chariton, Lucas county, Iowa. Her parents, both of whom were natives of Sweden, came to this country at an early day, the father making the voyage about 1848. He was one of the first to cross the plains at the time of the gold excitement in California. He joined a caravan which was attacked and robbed by Indians and he and his companions traveled for days without water. They often followed mirages for miles, only to meet with bitter disappointment when they discovered the illusion. The many hard-

ships and privations which the little company of argonauts suffered before they reached the end of their journey would beggar description. Mr. Anderson was quite successful in his quest for the precious metal and at length returned home via the Isthmus of Panama. He was married in the year 1852, at Fairfield, Iowa, and subsequently went to Chariton, Lucas county, this state, where he entered a tract of land and became one of the first settlers. At the time of the gold excitement at Pike's Peak he once more crossed the plains, returning at the end of three years to his wife and four children. The remainder of his life was spent amid the peaceful scenes and environment of rural life and he passed away at the comparatively early age of forty-six years. Both he and his wife were devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the latter passing away in that faith when she was sixty-four years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Seablom have been born seven children, namely: Aaron C., a resident of Cedar Rapids, who is in the railway mail service; Elsie E., the wife of John Carlson, of Butler county, Kansas; Charlie S., who is deceased; Lester D., at home; Ruth Alice, a high school student; John Guy; and Laura T. A.

Mr. Seablom gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private affairs. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character have won him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### A. F. SWANSON.

A. F. Swanson is a native of Fremont township and within its borders still resides, his home being on section 19. His natal day was February 28, 1874, and like many of the leading and representative residents of this part of the county he comes of Swedish ancestry. His parents, Swan S. and Christina (Johnson) Swanson, came to the United States from Sweden about 1868 or 1869 and first settled in Henry county, Illinois, where they resided until 1874. In January, of that year, they arrived in Page county, settling on eighty acres of land in Fremont township, on which A. F. Swanson is now living. The father purchased this property prior to his removal to Page county and some time after locating here he purchased forty acres adjoining his original tract, making his farm one of one hundred and twenty acres. With characteristic energy he began to till the soil and further develop the place, and year by year he harvested good crops as the reward for the care and cultivation which he bestowed upon the land. He continued to carry on general farming until his life's labors were ended in death on the 12th of May, 1906, when he was in his seventy-eighth year. His widow still survives and now makes her home with her son A. F. Swanson.

There was nothing unusual nor different in the youthful days of A. F. Swanson from the experiences which come to most farm lads. He attended the public schools and worked in the fields, his responsibilities being increased as he advanced in years and strength. He found farm life congenial and determined to engage in agricultural pursuits as a source of livelihood after he had attained his majority. In 1898 he began farming for himself and for five years he rented land and cultivated a place now owned by A. J. Fagerquist, formerly the F. A. P. Johnson farm. He afterward rented and cultivated his father-in-law's farm for a year, and in 1904 he returned to the old homestead, his father having grown too old and infirm to carry on the place. Mr. Swanson took charge of and has since operated the farm, carefully tilling the fields in the production of crops which are usually large and bountiful. The place is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, and there are substantial buildings and modern improvements. Mr. Swanson has made a specialty of raising live stock and feeds all the grain which he produces to his cattle and hogs. He keeps only high grade stock and therefore finds a ready sale for it upon the market. His experiences of life have been largely of a practical character, bringing him knowledge of the best methods of carrying on his work, and at the same time he is in close touch with the scientific methods which have largely revolutionized farming and greatly increased the product of labor.

In 1898 Mr. Swanson was united in marriage to Miss Christina Johnson, of Fremont township, a daughter of Andrew Johnson, who came to the United States from Sweden about the same year that S. S. Swanson crossed the Atlantic. Unto A. F. Swanson and his wife have been born seven children, six of whom are yet living: Merl A. I., Emil A., Henry Raymond, Dora L., Helen I. and Ada Lenora. The second child, Alice C., is now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Swanson is an ardent republican and is a member of the present school board of his district. He keeps well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day and his cooperation is eagerly sought and freely given in behalf of progressive public measures. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. They are highly esteemed in Fremont township, where they are well known and where Mr. Swanson has spent his entire life.

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#### WILLIAM McLEOD.

Among the men who have been most active and prominent in the development and improvement of Coin is William McLeod, now the president of the Coin Lumber Company. The evidences of his enterprise, his business sagacity and his skill in building lines is found in many of the leading business structures, public buildings and residences of Coin and the surrounding district. In all that he does he has been actuated by laudable

ambition and his efforts have been guided by sound principles which have neither sought nor required disguise.

A native of Delaware county, Iowa, he was born April 19, 1861, of the marriage of Alexander and Amanda (Warden) McLeod. As the name indicates the family is of Scotch origin. The father was born in Scotland and when a young man came to the United States, settling in New York in 1854. There he lived for a short time and was married in that locality. To provide for his support he worked at the stone-mason's trade, which he had previously learned in Scotland. Removing westward, he resided in Iowa during pioneer times, taking up his abode in Delaware county, although he worked in various parts of the state as a stone-mason, being employed on a number of the prominent buildings, including the state capitol, the insane asylum and other important public structures. About 1872 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres in Worth county, Missouri, and resided there for a time, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits and also working at his trade to some extent. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and a man who in business and social relations enjoyed the highest esteem of his contemporaries and associates. He died about 1899 when seventy-two years of age. His wife, who was a native of the Empire state, is still living at the age of seventy years. There were only two children in the family and the elder, Archie, died when about five years old.

William McLeod, the younger son, spent the first thirteen years of his life in Delaware county, where he attended the Sand Spring school. Subsequently he became a student in Des Moines. It was after that that he accompanied his parents on their removal to the farm and for a few years his time and energies were devoted to the tilling of the soil. In 1888, however, he took up his abode in Coin, where he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of S. A. Godfrey. Later he formed a partnership with S. S. Mitchell in that business and the association continued for about ten years. At the end of that time the partnership was dissolved and Mr. McLeod started alone as a contractor, meeting with excellent success in the years which followed. He was awarded the contract of many large buildings in Coin, including the Monzinger, J. Prince building, the Turner building and the fine school building, which was erected in 1907 and is one of the best in this part of the state. He was called to various sections of the county in his capacity as contractor, erecting the Inter State Bank at Blanchard, the Methodist church at College Springs and other structures of almost equal note. Thoroughness, expert workmanship and reliability were always characteristics of his business while he continued as a contractor.

On the 1st of January, 1908, Mr. McLeod in connection with the C. Hayford Lumber Company of Council Bluffs, organized the Coin Lumber Company, with which he remained until March 1, 1909, when a new company was organized, with Mr. McLeod and about fifty-six farmers as stockholders. They bought out the stock of the Council Bluffs people and incorporated under the state laws of Iowa, with Mr. McLeod as the president; W. C. Jeffries as vice president; J. L. Turner as secretary; and W.

T. Goodman as treasurer. The company was capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, each share selling for fifty dollars. There are two classes of stock, three hundred shares being held as common stock and two hundred as preferred stock. In addition to the offices, W. M. Lingo and H. C. McMillan are on the board of directors. The stock is all held by people of the surrounding territory and the company conducts a general lumber business.

On the 8th of September, 1881, Mr. McLeod was united in marriage at Platteville, Taylor county, Iowa, to Mrs. Eva I. Hornback, the widow of Stephen Hornback and a daughter of B. F. Whitney. They now have three children. Frank E., the eldest, is general manager of the Coin Lumber Company and does all the drawing and architectural work for the company. He was graduated from the high school at Coin and pursued a commercial course in college at Omaha, Nebraska. He married Nellie Hale, and they have two children, Don and Darrell. Grace is the wife of C. L. Hatch of Coin, and they have three children, Lowell, Doris and Darrell. Myrle is a graduate of the Coin high school and is at home.

Mr. McLeod gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as assessor for a number of terms. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, reelected him to office. He is prominent among the business men of Coin and for years has been closely identified with the history of the city as a representative of its building operations and trade interests. A man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success. The safe conservative policy which he inaugurated commends itself to the judgment of all and has secured to the company a patronage which makes its volume of trade of considerable magnitude. The prosperity of the company is certainly due in a large measure to its president and manager.

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#### PATRICK H. MENTZER.

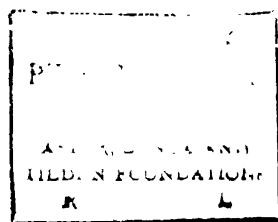
No history of Shenandoah would be complete without extended personal reference to Patrick H. Mentzer, so active has he been in the affairs of the city bearing upon its commercial, industrial, intellectual, political and moral progress. His worth is widely acknowledged and he, therefore, termed one of Shenandoah's foremost residents.

He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1843, and is a son of John and Nancy (Foreman) Mentzer, of whom mention is made at length in connection with the sketch of John Mentzer on another page of this volume. He was only about ten years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Iowa. He was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools and, after putting aside his text-books, he took up the task of learning the brick mason's trade, thinking to follow it as a life work.



**PATRICK H. MENTZER**





On the 25th of April, 1871, Mr. Mentzer came to Shenandoah, where he was immediately employed on the erection of a business block, building the first building used as a grocery store in this city. He bought the lot and let the contract for building the same day, after which he returned to his old home to straighten up his business affairs there. Some three or four days later he again came to Shenandoah and the building was finished on the 6th of June and on the same day a stock was opened up there and Mr. Mentzer began business as the pioneer groceryman of Shenandoah. He was joined by his younger brother John, who after about three years was admitted to a partnership. Outgrowing their original quarters in the fall of 1879 they built their present brick block, where they have since been located. Throughout the entire period Mr. Mentzer has been connected with this establishment. He was for one year alone as proprietor of the store and for two years was at the head of the firm of Mentzer & Wallace, which then became Mentzer Brothers and so continued to the present time. They have enjoyed a liberal share of the public patronage as the years have passed and the growth of the county has continued and their trade is an extensive and profitable one.

In November, 1872, Patrick Mentzer was married to Miss Odessa S. Owens, of western Pennsylvania, whose acquaintance he formed while she was on a visit in this city. They have had no children of their own but have reared two adopted children, Frederick and Marion, who are yet at home.

Mr. Mentzer and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he is serving as trustee, while in the work of the church they are much interested. In his political views Mr. Mentzer is now an earnest republican but gave his support to the democracy until 1896. He did not favor bi-metalism or the principles advocated by W. J. Bryan and therefore changed his allegiance. He served as a member of the second town council after the incorporation of Shenandoah and is a member of the present city council, acting as chairman of the water and lights committee and of the finance committee. His interest in public affairs has been manifest in active and helpful cooperation in many measures for the general good. His opinions are sound and reliable and his methods practical and, moreover, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes so that his labors are a valued factor whether in the conduct of business affairs or in matters relative to the city's upbuilding.

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#### ROBERT STEELE FINLEY.

There have been many theories advanced concerning success and the best method for its attainment but a careful analyzation of the life records of those men who have achieved prosperity in honorable manner will indicate that earnest, persistent labor has been the foundation upon which they have builded. This is again evidenced in the life history of Robert Steele Finley,

whose close application and undaunted energy have been the salient features in his business progress. He was born near Monmouth, Illinois, June 27, 1870, and is a son of Samuel Steele and Mary Angeline (Massey) Finley, who are residing with their son Robert, who is the youngest of three children. The older brother, Alfred Melancthon, is a resident of College Springs, and the daughter, Mary Angeline, who is the second of the family, is deceased.

Robert Steele Finley was only four years of age when he accompanied his parents to Page county. He located with them upon a farm three miles east of College Springs, and there resided until the spring of 1904, when they all removed to a place south of the town, remaining there for two years. Three years ago they came to College Springs and Robert Steele Finley has since been engaged in the real estate business here, handling both farm and city property. He buys and sells land in Texas, Missouri and Iowa and keeps thoroughly informed concerning the value of realty in the different states where he operates. He owns two dwellings in College Springs and he has also erected a business house of cement blocks on Main street. This was built in 1906 and contains both stores and offices. He is likewise the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Douglas county, Missouri, and he buys and sells extensively for others. He bought and sold about twenty pieces of property in the past year and in addition to his real estate operations he looks after his father's farm. In all of his business affairs he displays sound judgment, and, working diligently along well defined lines of labor, he is meeting with the success that ever crowns intelligent and honorable effort. Aside from his business relations his associations are such as commend him to the good will and trust of his fellowmen. He is a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church, and his attitude on the temperance question is indicated in the support which he gives to the prohibition party.

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#### ALFRED MELANCTHON FINLEY.

Many years have come and gone since Alfred Melancthon Finley arrived in Page county, reaching Clarinda on the 15th of January, 1876. He was then a youth of fourteen years, his birth having occurred in Monmouth, Illinois, on the 1st of January, 1862. Since coming to Iowa he has remained continuously in Page county and was reared to the occupation of farming, living with his father in Amity township up to the time of his marriage, after which he began farming on his own account. For two years he rented land from his father but for seven years resided upon the farm which he owns. Since the expiration of that period he has made his home in College Springs but still conducts his farming interests, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty-five acres of land, which is in three tracts, while in the village he has four acres. In all of his farm work he is practical and progressive, utilizing his opportunities to the best advantage and as the years have gone by he has won a creditable measure of prosperity.

On the 11th of May, 1898, Mr. Finley was married to Miss Hettie Erskine, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, August 27, 1867, a daughter of John and Fannie Erskine. Following her father's death, she went to Tarkio, Iowa, with her widowed mother. Mr. and Mrs. Finley have no children of their own but the kindness of their hearts has prompted them to give homes to three children whom they are now rearing.

In his political views Mr. Finley was originally a republican but early became allied with the prohibition party to vote for St. John. He has served on the town council and in all matters of citizenship has stood for improvement, taking a deep interest in things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He is a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church and served as trustee for six years, after which he resigned.

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#### ANTON HANZON.

Anton Hanzon, who for several years has been closely identified with the business interests of Essex, is now well known as the junior partner in the firm of Rotton & Hanzon, lumber merchants. As the name indicates, he is of foreign birth, born in Sweden on the 16th of February, 1865, and is a son of Anders and Caroline (Larson) Hanzon, both natives of Sweden, where they spent their entire lives.

Reared to farm life, Anton Hanzon attended the common schools of his native country in the acquirement of his education and in due course of time was graduated from the high school, being thus well equipped for the responsible and practical duties of life. The periods of vacation were devoted to assisting in the work of the farm and at an early age he became thoroughly familiar with the tasks that fall to the agriculturist. He remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his services until 1895, in which year he sailed for the United States. Rumors had reached him concerning the advantages offered by the new world and he decided to try his fortune in this country, thinking to find better opportunities for advancement here than were offered in the old world. Upon his arrival in the United States he came to Essex, Iowa, where for a year he was identified with the carpenter's trade. He then went to Red Oak, where for four years he was similarly engaged, at the expiration of which time he returned to Sweden for a visit, spending almost an entire year in that country. In September, 1900, he again crossed the Atlantic, and the winter of that year was spent in Red Oak.

The spring of 1901 witnessed his second arrival in Essex, and for the next six years he was actively and prominently identified with contracting and building interests in this city. Throughout that period he gained a reputation as a man of considerable ability and was awarded many contracts, while several of the substantial buildings of the community stand as monuments to his skill. In August, 1907, he purchased the interest of Emil Johnson in the lumber firm of Rotton & Johnson, the firm name being changed

to that of Rotton & Hanzon, which connection still continues. The firm enjoys an extensive and growing patronage because of the straightforward business methods which they pursue, and Mr. Hanzon is recognized as a man of unusual business ability, whose well directed efforts have been potent factors in the growth and progress of the enterprise.

It was in the year 1902 that Mr. Hanzon was united in marriage to Miss Hilma Anderson, of Essex, and unto this union has been born one child, a daughter, Helen A., who is the life and light of the household. The wife and mother passed away in 1904, and three years later Mr. Hanzon was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Anna Nelson, nee Carlson. Both are members of the Swedish Mission church, of which Mr. Hanzon is secretary of the board, and their lives are at all times in harmony with the teachings of the church. In politics he gives stalwart support to the prohibition party, doing all in his power to further the cause of temperance throughout the community. A man of many sterling characteristics, his loyalty to honorable principles and high ideals has gained him the respect and esteem of his fellowmen, and he ranks foremost among the valued citizens and successful and influential business men of Essex.

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J. M. VAN BUSKIRK, D. M. D.

Thoroughly conversant with the modern processes and methods of dental practice, Dr. Van Buskirk in his professional labors has won high commendation because of the ability and skill that he has displayed. He has been more or less continuously connected with the profession in Shenandoah since 1901 and has practiced independently since 1904, during which time he has made rapid and substantial progress until he is today enjoying the most extensive dental practice in Page county.

Dr. Van Buskirk is, moreover, entitled to representation in this volume as one of the native sons of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Fremont county, August 9, 1879. His parents were Joseph and Martha (Fulton) Van Buskirk, natives of Illinois and Indiana, respectively. Following their marriage they began their domestic life upon a farm near Lacon, Illinois, where they resided until 1869, in which year Joseph Van Buskirk brought his family to southwestern Iowa, making the journey by wagon. He settled in Fremont county and purchased eighty acres of land in Locust Grove township, to which he afterward added a quarter section. With characteristic energy he gave his time and attention to his farm and resided thereon until 1883, when he removed to Shenandoah, where for a number of years he was extensively engaged in the live-stock business. Later he identified himself with a milling and elevator enterprise and conducted a growing and successful business along those lines up to the time of his death, which occurred in the spring of 1900. In all of his business affairs he was alert and progressive, watchful of the details pointing to success, and his close application and indefatigable energy constituted the safe foundation upon

which he built his prosperity. In his political views he was an earnest democrat and while never a politician in the sense of office seeking he served for two terms as a member of the town council in the early days. His fraternal relations were with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, and to these orders and their beneficent teachings he was most loyal. His widow still survives and is yet a resident of Shenandoah. She is a member of the Congregational church and is much interested in its work.

Dr. Van Buskirk has always remained a resident of southwestern Iowa with the exception of a brief period. His father's home sheltered him through the period of his boyhood and youth, and the Shenandoah grammar and high schools afforded him his early education. Later he pursued a commercial course in the Western Normal College and, desiring to enter upon a professional career, he took up the study of dentistry in 1898, matriculating in the dental department of the Washington University at St. Louis. He was graduated with the class of 1901 and for six months afterward was associated with Dr. H. M. Richardson in practice in this city. He then went to Stanberry, Missouri, where he spent about eight months. At the end of that time he returned to Shenandoah and again became Dr. Richardson's associate in practice, so continuing for one and one-half years. In 1904 he opened an office for independent practice and during the succeeding five years has made rapid advance in his chosen life work. His fellow members of the dental fraternity as well as the general public acknowledge his skill and ability in professional lines.

Dr. Van Buskirk has followed in the political footsteps of his father, giving his support to the democracy and at all times keeping well informed on the issues and questions of the day. He belongs to Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; and to a Greek letter college fraternity. He is popular socially, having a large circle of warm friends in Shenandoah and throughout this part of the state.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD VEAK.

Charles Edward Veak, living on section 26, Fremont township, is building up a fine reputation as the breeder of registered hogs and is now conducting an extensive business as a dealer in live stock. He was born in Fremont township, October 3, 1878, and is a son of John and Christina (Johnson) Veak, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father came to the United States about 1874 or 1875 and, like many of his fellow countrymen, went first to Henry county, Illinois. He there lived for two or three years, when he made his way westward to Page county, Iowa. The lady whom he afterward made his wife had preceded him to the United States and had located in this county, where they were married. In course of time John Veak acquired a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he still owns. For years he carefully tilled the soil and carried on the farm work. His wife died in 1904 and he continued to reside on the farm until 1909, when

he removed to a small place in the town of Stanton, Montgomery county, where he now lives, enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He has long been a most active and helpful member of the Lutheran church and for a quarter of a century was superintendent of the Sunday school, while for twelve years he has been a deacon in the church. His efforts in behalf of progress and for the adoption of principles which work for the upbuilding of high and honorable character have been effective forces for good.

Charles Edward Veak was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home, where the lessons of industry, integrity and perseverance, which were early impressed upon his mind, have in later years borne rich fruit. While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, he attended the public schools and also pursued a course of study in the Western Normal College at Shenandoah. His practical training in the fields qualified him as well for the business cares which have since devolved upon him. In 1904 he began farming for himself as a renter and in March, 1909, on his father's removal to Stanton, he took charge of the home place. For the past four years he has been extensively engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs. At the state fair in 1908 he exhibited his stock and broke all records by receiving a premium every time he drove into the ring. He made exhibits at the county and state fairs in the year 1909, where he again won many premiums. He has made a wide reputation as a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs and his business success is being continually augmented as the result of his undaunted enterprise and diligence.

On the 15th of June, 1904, Mr. Veak was married to Miss Tilda Anderson of Douglas township and the household now numbers three children: Russell C., Goldie E. and Doris. In politics Mr. Veak is a republican of the progressive type, seeking the best interests of the community through the support of his party and standing at all times for clean politics and good government. He and his wife hold membership in the Swedish Lutheran church and with its government and its activities he has been closely associated. He is one of the church auditors, is a teacher in the Sunday school and takes an active and helpful interest in the church work. His belief is not a side issue in his life but a permeating and controlling interest and has made his record one that is creditable to himself and to the citizenship of the community in which he lives.

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#### W. A. PARRETTE, M. D.

W. A. Parrette, a physician and surgeon of Shenandoah, was born in Greenfield, Ohio, July 16, 1865, and is a son of Milton J. and Jane Elliott (Adams) Parrette, who are likewise natives of Greenfield, Ohio. The parental grandfather, Joseph F. Parrette, was a native of Staunton, Virginia. The ancestry is traced back to George Parrette, the great-great-grandfather of the Doctor, who was one of six brothers that came to

America from Geneva, Switzerland, soon after the opening of the seventeenth century and located at Jamestown, Virginia. The family was well represented in the Revolutionary war, the Parrettes espousing the cause of the colonists and doing able service in behalf of the cause of liberty. The ancestors of Dr. Parrette were forced to leave France during the persecution of the Huguenots, with which religious body they were identified. There were about two generations between those who suffered for their religious faith and the representatives who became the founders of the family in the new world. In the maternal line Dr. Parrette comes from Scotch and Irish ancestry. His parents were farming people of Ohio and there they reared their family, including Dr. Ernest Parrette, now practicing in Columbus, Ohio, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Estelle and Ruth. The first named is now a teacher in the public schools of Lima, Ohio, while Ruth is society editor of the Lima Times-Democrat, and Estella is a teacher in the schools of Greenfield, Ohio.

Dr. Parrette, whose name introduces this record, was reared in Greenfield upon his father's farm, where he remained until twenty-one years of age. In the meantime he obtained his education as a pupil in the district schools and in the South Salem Academy. While pursuing his academic course he took up the profession of teaching at the age of nineteen years and was thus employed through one winter. Later he resumed his own studies and after leaving the academy removed westward to Mediapolis, Iowa, where he engaged in teaching in the district schools for two terms. He was afterward bookkeeper and clerk in the store of his uncle, I. N. McClure, for five years but was not thoroughly satisfied with the business interests which up to this time had claimed his attention and, thinking to find the practice of medicine a congenial and profitable undertaking, in March, 1891, he began reading in the office of Dr. D. W. Lunbeck, of Mediapolis. There he studied until the following August, when he went to New York city and spent two years in Bellevue Hospital as nurse, this experience proving very valuable to him in his later professional labors. He completed his course as a nurse in the D. O. Mills Training School and was graduated in September, 1893. He then entered the medical department of the University of New York City, where he completed a four years' course and was graduated on the 4th of May, 1897. For about a year or until September, 1898, he remained in New York city, doing subordinate work for leading physicians of the eastern metropolis. This brought him valuable and varied experience and well qualified him for the onerous duties of his profession when he returned to his native city and opened an office there for general practice. He continued in Greenfield from the 1st of October, 1898, until the fall of 1904, after which he spent six months in Columbus, Ohio, and at the expiration of that period came to Iowa in the summer of 1905. He located for the practice of his profession at Wellman, Washington county, where he continued until February, 1909, when he located in his present office in the Bogart block in Shenandoah. While he engages in general practice he is an expert surgeon, doing special and accurate work in that line, and is also a specialist on the treatment of the diseases of the eye, ear,



nose and throat. He has a full line of apparatus and instruments for the finest work in the line of his specialties and is giving proof of his ability as his patronage is increasing. He is an extensive reader along the line of his profession, keeping in touch with the most advanced thought concerning medical and surgical practice.

Dr. Parrette was married at Mediapolis, Iowa, on the 11th of October, 1900, to Miss Martha F. Robinson, who was a native of that town. Her father conducted the woolen mill at Mediapolis for a number of years but is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having given faithful aid to the Union cause during the darkest hour in his country's history. Dr. and Mrs. Parrette now have three children: Elizabeth, who is five and a half years of age; Robert, four years of age; and one who died in infancy.

The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Dr. Parrette is a member of Progress Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Mediapolis. His political support is given to the republican party where questions of state and national importance are involved but at local elections he casts an independent ballott, considering the capability of the candidate rather than his party affiliation. While a more recent addition to the professional circles of Shenandoah, his ability destines him to success wherever he is located, and already he has won popularity and professional regard here.

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#### CLAUS ABRAHAM.

Among the self-made men of Pierce township is Claus Abraham, who has wrought out his success along well defined lines of labor. He was born in Sweden on the 12th of October, 1871, and is a son of Emanuel and Johanna (Anderson) Abraham, who came to the United States in 1891. After a short residence in Essex, Iowa, they located in Montgomery county, this state, where they are still living.

Claus Abraham spent his youthful days under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the public schools of Sweden and also in the district schools of this country. He was fifteen years of age when in 1886 in company with his sister, Anna M., he came to the United States, settling at Imogene, Fremont county, Iowa. There he and his sister both went to work for their financial resources were quite limited. For three years Mr. Abraham was employed on farms and afterward learned the butchering business in Imogene. He then went to Shenandoah where he worked for a short time, and for about three years he was connected with the butchering business in Essex.

In 1896 Mr. Abraham was united in marriage to Miss Selma Lindberg, of Fremont township, Page county, and soon afterward they established a home in Emerson, Mills county, where Mr. Abraham continued in the butchering business for a year. He was afterward employed in a meat market in Essex for five years, and in 1900 he purchased his present farm

of one hundred and twenty acres, whereon he resided for two years. He then returned to Essex, where he once more lived for five years, and in 1907 he again took up his abode upon the farm which is now his place of residence. In 1906 he purchased eighty acres adjoining from his brother-in-law, C. J. Hendrickson, making his present place a tract of two hundred acres, which is rich and productive land and makes ready and generous return for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He also owns two town lots in Essex and his realty possessions are an indication of a life of well directed energy and thrift.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Abraham were born two children but only one is now living, Reuel D. In his political views Mr. Abraham is a democrat and served as marshal of Essex. He finds his chief source of recreation in the automobile driving, owning a Jackson car. He started out in life a poor boy but, with the assistance of his wife, he has made substantial progress and they are now numbered among the people of affluence in the community. They belong to the Swedish Free Mission church and have guided their lives in conformity to its teachings. In all of his business dealings Mr. Abraham has made steady progress and with unabating industry and energy that never flags a successful future seems assured to him.

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#### F. M. JONES.

F. M. Jones, who has now made his home within the borders of Page county for almost four decades, is the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and seventy-nine acres on section 8, Pierce township. His birth occurred in Logan county, Ohio, on the 25th of March, 1842, his parents being Allen and Anna (Armstrong) Jones. The paternal ancestors of our subject made their way to Ohio from Georgia, while the earliest representatives of the Armstrong family in the Buckeye state came from Kentucky. Allen Jones, the father of F. M. Jones, carried on agricultural pursuits in early manhood and later conducted a general mercantile establishment at Quincy, Logan county, Ohio. Both he and his wife passed away in that county.

F. M. Jones spent his youthful days under the parental roof and obtained his education in the common schools. On attaining his majority he began farming for himself by renting a tract of land, having gained a good knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil through the assistance which he rendered his father in the cultivation of the home farm. He belonged to the Home Guards and in 1864 was called into service as a soldier of the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio Infantry, with which he served for about four months. On returning home he resumed his agricultural interests and was thus busily engaged until the fall of 1869, when he removed westward to Schuyler county, Missouri.

The following spring Mr. Jones came to Page county, Iowa, and purchased forty acres of the farm on which he now resides in Pierce township, taking up his abode thereon on the 1st of March, 1870. From time to time he has extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase until it now comprises two hundred and seventy-nine acres of Iowa's most valuable and productive soil, and in addition he also owns a half section of land in Sully county, South Dakota. Year after year he has successfully carried on the work of the farm and has now developed a fine property, improved with good buildings and equipped with all the modern accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. He is today numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his community and the prosperity which has attended his efforts is richly merited, for it has come as the direct result of his own labor and untiring perseverance.

On the 1st of March, 1866, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Starett, of Logan county, Ohio. They had no children of their own but reared an adopted daughter, May, who is now the wife of Frank E. Wilcox, of Shenandoah.

In his political views Mr. Jones is a staunch republican, while religiously he is identified with the Christian church, of which his wife is also a member. Their sociability and their hospitality has made their home the center of a cultured society circle and they have many friends in the community where they have now long resided.

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#### HERMAN MEYER.

Herman Meyer is one of the extensive landowners of the county and his life record proves what can be accomplished when one is willing to dare and to do. He has had no assistance in his business career but has worked diligently to attain success and now has valuable farm property, which places him with the men of affluence in this part of the state. He was born in Braunschweig, Germany, May 19, 1853, and was the elder of two children. His parents were Henry and Maggie (Brinkhoff) Meyer, who spent their entire lives as farming people in their native country. Their daughter, Annie, became the wife of Herman Heidor and also died in the fatherland.

Herman Meyer remained a resident of Germany until twenty-eight years of age and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At length he heard and heeded the call of the western world, for the reports which he received were favorable and indicated to him that he would have better opportunities on this side of the Atlantic than in the older and more thickly settled country of Germany. He was married ere he left his native land and the lady of his choice was Miss Gebke Siedenburger, who was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1855 and became his wife in 1877.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer began their domestic life in the land of their nativity and two children were born unto them ere their emigration to America

in 1881. Crossing the Atlantic, they located first in Nodaway township, Page county, Iowa, where Mr. Meyer cultivated a tract of rented land for five years. During this period he lived economically and worked diligently that he might earn sufficient money to enable him to purchase property, and in 1886 he saw the fulfillment of his hope for at that time he became the owner of a farm in East River township, near Shambaugh. He at first had but fifty acres, to which he added until he was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. He then disposed of that property and came to his present farm in 1895. That he has prospered in his undertakings is indicated in the fact that he is now the owner of five hundred and fifty acres and has let his son have one hundred and forty-three acres. There are three sets of buildings on his farm and these stand as monuments to his indefatigable labor and enterprise. All were erected by him and the various improvements upon the land show also that his life has been one of unremitting diligence intelligently directed. The fields bring forth rich crops and he also raises high grades of stock, for which he finds ready sale in the market.

After the family came to the new world four other children were added to the household, so that Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are now parents of four sons and two daughters: Henry H., who is a neighbor of his father; Anna, the wife of Henry Freudenburg, a resident farmer of Nodaway township; Herman D., who is also following farming near the old home; John, Fred and Minnie, who are still under the parental roof.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen, Mr. Meyer has given his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as a school and road officer. He belongs to the Lutheran church of Clarinda and its teachings constitute the guiding force in his life. His example is one well worthy of emulation for it indicates what can be accomplished by a young man of strong purpose and resourceful spirit. Mr. Meyer steadily worked his way upward and has worthily won the success which he now enjoys.

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#### W. E. WHISLER.

No matter in how much fastastic theorizing one may indulge as to the causation of success, it will ever be found that advancement in business depends primarily upon close application, ready adaptability and a willingness to work and work hard. Possessing these requisites Mr. Whisler is making rapid progress in conducting a plumbing and heating business in Shenandoah and his popularity as a business man and citizen constitutes his record one of interest to his fellow townsmen.

His birth occurred in Farragut, Fremont county, Iowa, on the 2d of October, 1876, his parents being John and Marie (Gunther) Whisler. The father was a native of Indiana, while the mother was probably born in Appanoose county, Iowa. Both the Whisler and Gunther families were among the pioneer residents of Appanoose county and it was in this state that the parents of our subject were married. They located on a farm which Mr.

Whisler rented and in 1875 he started with his family on a trip to Nebraska, making the journey by wagon. En route he passed through southwestern Iowa and soon he returned to this portion of the state, settling near Farragut, Fremont county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. With characteristic energy he began to till the soil and develop the crops and as the years passed he has extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchases until he now owns five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land unsurpassed in its richness and fertility by any tract in this part of the state. In addition to his agricultural interests he is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Farragut and is one of the most influential men of that section. He came to the west without funds and through his capably directed labors has been very successful. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has given loyal support to the republican party, for he is a firm believer in its principles, yet has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church and are people of the highest respectability, honored by all who know them.

W. E. Whisler was reared at home and the common schools afforded him his early educational opportunities, while later he had the advantage of instruction at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. In early manhood he was married, wedding Miss Gertrude Morgan, of Hamburg, Iowa, on the 22d of June, 1898. They established their home upon a farm near Riverton and for ten years thereafter Mr. Whisler continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits but in 1908 came to Shenandoah to ally his interests with the commercial activities of the city. Here he purchased the plumbing business of O. H. Frink and is now enjoying an extensive patronage in the conduct of a plumbing and heating business. His personal popularity has been one factor in his success, while the thoroughness of his work and his reliability in financial matters are also strong elements in his prosperity.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whisler are members of the Christian church and are greatly esteemed in the community in which they reside. His membership relation also extends to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; and to Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A. He and his wife own and occupy a modern residence at No. 700 Seventh avenue, it being one of the attractive and hospitable homes of the city.

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#### FRANK HOOKER.

Frank Hooker, provided with liberal educational advantages in preparation for life's practical and responsible duties, has since the beginning of his business career been connected with farming interests and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Blanchard, with which he has been continuously and helpfully associated since it first opened its doors

to the public on the 1st of June, 1893. He was chosen its first cashier and has so continued to the present time.

Mr. Hooker is a native of Portsmouth, England, born May 30, 1865. His parents were W. S. and Sarah (Humphrey) Hooker, who came to the United States in 1869. The father was a Methodist minister and took charge of a church in Decatur county, Iowa. In connection with the church work he lived at various points in the southern half of the state, his influence constituting a potent force for good in connection with his different pastorates. In the spring of 1873 he took up his abode at College Springs, having charge of the church there until 1875, when he went to Shenandoah. A year later he was transferred to the church at Villisca, subsequently holding a pastorate in Des Moines and afterward in Clarinda. He then returned to Shenandoah as presiding elder of the district, continuing there for about four years, after which he removed to Indianola, Iowa. He likewise preached for the Methodist congregation at Creston, Iowa, and terminated his services there to become presiding elder of the Council Bluffs district, which he thus served for six years. He was afterward appointed presiding elder of the Creston district and lived at Red Oak for about six years. At the end of that time he was offered the position of financial agent for the Simpson College at Indianola and continued actively in that work for two years but at the present time is living retired at the age of seventy-five. His life has been one of great usefulness in the church and his influence of no restricted order. He long figured as one of the leading representatives of the Methodist ministry in southern Iowa and was never denied the full harvest nor the aftermath. His wife, who was born in Devonshire, England, and was long a devoted and faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey, passed away in 1886. They were the parents of six children: William F., a farmer residing in Northboro, Iowa; Frank; Walter, who died in childhood; Rose, the wife of John Joy, living in Atchison county, Missouri; Conrad, whose home is in Rochester, New York; and Nellie, who died at the age of twenty years.

Frank Hooker came to the United States when four years of age, his parents at that time crossing the Atlantic to America with their family. He first attended school in Decatur county, Iowa, and continued his education in the schools of Villisca, Des Moines, College Springs and Clarinda. He was graduated from the high school at the last named place and later became a student in the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, where he pursued a commercial and mathematical course, being graduated with the class of 1882. When he had thus qualified for business life he entered the employ of the D. S. Lake Nursery Company of Shenandoah, continuing with them for about two years during vacations from school.

In the succeeding fall Mr. Hooker entered the First National Bank of Shenandoah as errand boy and by successive promotions became assistant cashier and bookkeeper. He resigned his position there on the 1st of May, 1885, to accept the cashiership of the Commercial Bank of Essex and there continued until March 1, 1887, when he returned to the First National Bank of Shenandoah as cashier. He was thus active in control of the

banking business at that point until March 1, 1893, when he resigned to organize the First National Bank of Blanchard, with which he has since been associated. On the 1st of June, 1893, it opened its doors for business, its charter, No. 4902, being signed by James H. Eckels, comptroller of currency. There are fifty stockholders and the bank was capitalized at fifty thousand dollars. At the time of the organization the officers were: Charles G. Anderson, president; Isaac Monk, vice president; Frank Hooker, cashier; and S. C. Henn, assistant cashier. The board of directors also included in addition to the officers, A. W. Hawley. The officers at the present writing are: F. M. Byrkit of Red Oak, president; John H. Walkinshaw, vice president; Frank Hooker, cashier; and F. Meredith, assistant cashier, and they added to the officers as members of the board of directors, F. M. Byrkit, Robert McKie, Thomas Boyle and Isaac Monk. The bank is still capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and has a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars. A general banking business is conducted and the institution now has large deposits and an extensive patronage.

On the 8th of June, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hooker and Miss Sophia Linderholm, a daughter of John and Christina (Hedberg) Linderholm of Essex. They have one child, Walter, who was born October 19, 1887.

Mr. Hooker has been somewhat prominent and influential in community affairs and is now serving as treasurer of Blanchard. He has also been a member of the school board and of the town council, exercising his official prerogatives in these different positions in support of the best interests of the community. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist church. He has served on its board of trustees, as a teacher in the Sunday school and was superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years. His life has been actuated by high and honorable purposes and conforms at all times to a high standard of commercial ethics. In him are manifest the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags.

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#### EDGERLY R. BAILEY.

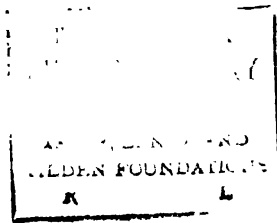
The history of Clarinda would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make prominent reference to Edgerly R. Bailey, whose business activity and breadth of view concerning public questions have led to his classification with the leading men of Page county. He is now acting as mayor of the city and is giving to Clarinda a businesslike administration. Moreover, he is widely known as the president of the Independent Manufacturing & Supply Company, extensively engaged in the manufacture of cream separators and controlling an industry of much importance to this city.

A native of Vermont, Mr. Bailey was born in Elmore, December 8, 1870, and is a son of A. Rudolph and Lucy (Smith) Bailey, the former a farmer



EDGERLY R. BAILEY





by occupation. The son was twelve years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Baldwin, Kansas, and in the public schools of that state he continued his education, while later he became a student in Baker University and was thus well equipped by liberal mental training for the responsible duties of life. After putting aside his text-books he became a band and music master and teacher, devoting five years of his life to that art.

Mr. Bailey was then called to public service in his appointment in 1893 to the office of supervisor of the Clarinda State Hospital for the Insane, in which capacity he rendered valuable service for five years, at the end of which time he was made steward of the institution. For three years he acted in that capacity, at the expiration of which time he connected himself with the Clarinda Poultry, Egg & Creamery Company, establishing the creamery department. This he conducted as superintendent for three years, during which time he was giving much thought to conditions connected with the dairy interests and the development of kindred business lines. He then took up the general agency of a creamery separator and soon afterward decided that the same could be made in Clarinda as well as elsewhere. Becoming interested in the separator idea, he completed one and though the first product of his genius in that direction may have been somewhat crude he built another and improved upon the machinery and since that time he has made various improvements until today after many years of successful separator building he is well known as the inventor and patentee of a number of cream separators all over the United States. Perhaps no one man has done more to improve and make perfect the centrifugal force cream separators than Mr. Bailey. He has also been successful in placing thousands of separators on the market and his name is, therefore, widely known among dairy farmers everywhere. He has perfected the Monarch and the Clarinda separators, both of which are manufactured in Clarinda, where the company now has an extensive and well equipped plant. They also have a house in Kansas City, Missouri, operating under the name of the Independent Manufacturing & Supply Company, of which Mr. Bailey is the president. He is likewise a director of the Lisle Manufacturing Company of Clarinda. He is a man of firm purpose, of undaunted enterprise and of keen discrimination in business affairs, and these qualities have enabled him to win success along well defined lines of labor, while at the same time his work has been of material benefit and assistance to the dairy-men of the country.

Not alone in business lines have his labors been of far-reaching benefit for in other ways as well he has done work which has been beneficial in promoting the best interests of Clarinda. In April, 1909, he was elected mayor of the city for a term of two years and is, therefore, the present chief executive, in which connection he is exercising his official prerogatives for the best interests of the community, giving his influence to many constructive and regulative measures. He has also served as councilman from the fourth ward for the past five years. In politics he is a zealous republican, active in the party ranks, while his opinions and ideas carry weight in its councils.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Bailey was married to Miss Sadie G. Blair, of Greeley, Kansas, on the 21st of May, 1891. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Blair, farming people, both now deceased. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children: Katherine M., Charles V., Ruth C., Theodore S., George L. and Elmore S. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have an extensive circle of friends in the county and the hospitality of Clarinda's best homes is freely accorded them.

Mr. Bailey attained high rank in Masonry, having reached the thirty-second degree in the consistory. He is a past master of the lodge, a past high priest of the chapter and belongs to Des Moines Consistory and the Mystic Shrine of that city. In his life he exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft, being in hearty sympathy with its principles of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. In all of the multiplied activities of his fruitful life his energies, means and influence are thrown upon the side of justice, improvement and progress. Advancement might well be termed the watchword of his life. It is manifest in his business, his social and his public relations. He has wrought well for his day and for succeeding generations and seems to have accomplished at any point in his career the possibility for successful accomplishment at that point.

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#### FRANK G. MILLER.

Frank G. Miller, who at the present writing in 1909 is serving as township trustee and is well known as a prosperous and progressive farmer of Tarkio township, his home being on section 17, dates his arrival in Page county from 1892. He bought a portion of his present property in 1902 and has since given undivided attention to its improvement and cultivation. He was born in Henry county, Illinois, July 20, 1869, and is a son of Swan and Charlotte (Olson) Miller, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They came to America after attaining adult age and were married in Illinois. In the spring of 1870 they removed to Saline county, Kansas, where Mrs. Miller passed away about 1879. The father still survives and is yet living in Kansas at the age of sixty-seven years. He is the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable land and is now most comfortably situated in a financial way.

Frank G. Miller was only a year old when the family removed to Kansas and in the common schools of the Sunflower state he mastered the branches of learning that usually constitute the curriculum. He came to Page county in 1892, when a young man of twenty-three years, and for ten years was employed at farm labor by Mrs. North. His broad, thorough and practical experience during that period well qualified him to take charge of a farm of his own, when, in 1902, he bought eighty acres of his present home place on section 17, Tarkio township. Upon this farm he has since resided and in the fall of 1908 he purchased sixty acres adjoining the original tract, making his farm one hundred and forty acres in extent. Iowa land is naturally rich and arable and makes ready response to the care and labor

bestowed upon it in generous harvests. Mr. Miller annually gathers abundant crops and is therefore meeting merited success in his undertakings. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank at Essex and is one of its directors.

On the election of O. W. Freed to the board of county supervisors, Mr. Miller was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Freed as township trustee to continue for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he was regularly elected to the office and is now serving for the second term, capably discharging the duties which are incumbent upon him in this position. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is in sympathy with the main planks in its platform and with the policy advocated by the party leaders.

On the 1st of June, 1899, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kampe, by whom he has had three children, two of whom are now living, Ina Viola and Agnes Milree. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and their many good qualities have gained them an enviable social position, while their own home, which is a most hospitable one, is a favorable resort with their many friends.

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#### JOHN W. BEHM.

John W. Behm, resident manager of the Shenandoah yards of the Green Bay Lumber Company, was born in Dauphin, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of August, 1877. His parents, William and Sally C. (Hocker) Behm, were also natives of the Keystone state, born in Dauphin and in Cumberland counties, respectively. Soon after their marriage they removed westward to Iowa, settling in Clarinda, Page county, and in that vicinity the father was long engaged in farming, converting a tract of land into rich and productive fields, from which he annually gathered profitable harvests. He is now living retired, for his former activity and enterprise brought to him a gratifying competence. His wife passed away many years ago, her death occurring on the 16th of August, 1886.

John W. Behm was brought to Iowa in his infancy and his educational opportunities were those offered in the Clarinda schools. Passing through consecutive grades as he mastered the branches of learning therein taught, he was eventually graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. In the following summer he worked as a farm hand and in the fall of the same year secured a position as clerk in a grocery store in Clarinda, where he was employed until June, 1898. Constrained by a spirit of patriotism, he then offered his services to the government and enlisted as a soldier in the Spanish-American war, becoming a member of Company M, Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 14th of June, 1898. He was sent with his regiment to San Francisco, California, whence he embarked for the Philippines on the 3d of November. There in those oriental islands he saw service under Generals Hale, McArthur, Wheaton and King. The

regiment landed on the 2d day of February, 1899, in time to participate in the engagements caused by the second outbreak of the Philipinos. Mr. Behm was shot in the battle at Quinga, receiving his wound before he had had a chance to fire his gun. Because of his injuries he was confined in the hospital from the 23d of April until the 4th of June. He took part in nine engagements altogether, while his regiment participated in six other battles while he was unfit for field duty because of his wound. On the return trip they landed at San Francisco, October 22, 1899, and Mr. Behm was mustered out on the 3d of November following, having done active, faithful and valiant duty in defense of American interests.

Returning home on the 1st of April, 1900, Mr. Behm accepted a position with the Green Bay Lumber Company as yard man at Braddyville. There he continued until the 20th of August, when he was transferred to Shenandoah as yard man and bookkeeper, while recognition of his ability won him promotion to the position of resident manager at Shenandoah on the 1st of January, 1903. For more than six years he has now continued in this position and his close attention to business, his energy and stalwart purpose make him a leading business man of the city and a valued representative of the company. He is most capable in the management of the affairs of the company and has succeeded in building up and holding a good trade in Shenandoah.

Mr. Behm is a member of Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, A. F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; Clarinda Lodge, No. 139, K. P.; and Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A. In his political views he is a stalwart democrat, taking an active and helpful interest in the work of the party, and at the present writing is serving as a member of the senatorial committee from his district. He belongs to the Shenandoah Commercial Club and is one of the city's representative business men.

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#### ELMAS JAMES.

Elmas James is one of the extensive landowners of the county but is now practically living retired from the active work of the farm, making his home in College Springs. That he is one of the honored and representative citizens here is indicated in the fact that he is now serving for the third year as mayor, in which connection he is giving a public-spirited and businesslike administration characteristic of practical reform and improvement. What he undertakes he accomplishes and this is evident in his official service as well as in his business life.

Mr. James was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, June 10, 1851, and was the eldest of four children, whose parents were Charles F. and Emily L. (Welch) James, natives of Maryland and of Muskingum county, Ohio, respectively. The father removed to the latter state and they were married in Muskingum county. On leaving Ohio they went to McDonough county, Illinois, about 1858 and subsequently they established

their home in Nodaway county, Missouri, where the father died in 1898 at the age of seventy-one years. He was the owner of three hundred acres of land in that county and capably and successfully carried on general farming. His widow still survives and now resides in Elmo, Missouri. They were the parents of four children: Elmas; L. W., who is living in Elmo, Missouri; Frank and Emma, who are also residents of Elmo.

A youth of seven years at the time of the removal to Illinois, Elmas James was reared in McDonough county, early becoming familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired his education by attending the common schools and year by year he aided more and more largely in the work of the farm as his years and strength increased.

At length he determined upon having a home of his own and to this end he was united in marriage on the 1st of July, 1871, to Miss Sidney Wheeler, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, December 13, 1851, and in 1856 was taken to McDonough county, Illinois, by her parents, Wesley D. and Mary Ann (Hawkins) Wheeler. Her father was a native of Virginia and the battle of Bull Run was fought upon the farm which the Wheeler family formerly occupied. The mother was born near Harisburg, West Virginia. Removing westward, they took up their abode in Illinois, and the father died in that state in 1864, while the mother passed away in Page county, Iowa, in the fall of 1874. They were the parents of six children, Mrs. James being the fourth in order of birth. Her girlhood days were largely passed in McDonough county, where she remained up to the time of her marriage.

In the same year Mr. and Mrs. James removed westward to Missouri, settling in Nodaway county. When they reached their destination they had a cash capital of but five dollars but they possessed determination and energy and resolved to win success if it could be achieved by honorable methods. Mr. James then cultivated a rented farm for two years, after which he erected a house on eighty acres of land belonging to his father in Lincoln township, Nodaway county, Missouri, near Elmo. As his financial resources increased he bought forty acres and with this as a nucleus he has added to his holdings from time to time until he is now the owner of six hundred and fifty acres in Lincoln township, being one of the extensive landowners of this part of the state. His time and energies were devoted continuously to general agricultural pursuits until 1902, when he left the farm and removed to College Springs, purchasing his present home, which stands in the midst of four acres of land, or an entire village block. While he was tilling the soil he also made a specialty of stock raising, and both branches of his business proved profitable. His intelligent direction of all his labor and his wise and judicious investment constitute sources of success that have placed him with the men of affluence in the county.

As the years went by three children were added to the James household, but Cora A., who was born December 24, 1874, died in 1886. Ola, born June 11, 1879, married Clara Hopper, by whom he has one child, Myrlin, and they reside upon one of his father's farms in Lincoln township.

Clarence, born in December, 1884, and also living upon one of his father's farms, married Blanche Montague and they have one child, Geraldine C.

In his political views Mr. James is a stalwart republican and ever keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is now serving for the third year as mayor of College Springs, to which office he was called by a vote of his fellow townsmen, who recognized in him a loyal and progressive citizen, unfaltering in his allegiance to the public welfare. In his administration he has tangible evidence of his devotion to the city as the champion of many measures for the public good. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and a life of business integrity, of enterprise and of loyalty in friendship have gained him a high place in the regard of his fellowmen.

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#### W. E. KEISTER.

Early realizing that there is no royal road to wealth, W. E. Keister in his business career has put forth strenuous and consecutive effort for the attainment of that success which is the goal of all laudable endeavor. He is now a member of the firm of Keister, Collins & Company, lumber dealers of Essex. His life record began on the 2nd of April, 1856, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, his parents being David and Anna (Lauffer) Keister, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland county, and were of German lineage. The father spent his entire life in his native county, where he followed the occupation of farming. The mother still survives and makes her home with her children.

At the usual age W. E. Keister was sent to the public schools and supplemented his preliminary course by an academic course in the Laird Institute. At twenty years of age he left the parental roof and came to Iowa, working for one year as a farm hand at Randolph, Fremont county. He then went to Imogene in the same county, where he secured a position as yard man in connection with the lumber business. He remained there, however, for only one year, after which he came to Essex and found employment in the lumberyard of Mr. Poe, with whom he remained for seventeen years. At that time Mr. Poe failed in business and for two years thereafter Mr. Keister was employed by other parties. In company with A. M. Stearns he then purchased the lumber business of Beach & Sederburg and started out upon an independent business venture, conducting the enterprise under the firm name of Keister & Stearns. They remained together for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Keister purchased Mr. Stearn's interest and for six months conducted the business alone. He then sold a half interest to A. D. Collins, since which time the firm has been Keister & Collins. They have a large and well equipped lumberyard, in which they carry all kinds of lumber and building supplies. In January, 1909, they purchased the lumberyards of Frank Weidman, of Coburg, Iowa, and Mr. Keister's son-in-law, W. J. Parrott, bought a third interest in the firm at that time. The name

was then changed to Keister, Collins & Company and they own and control a business at Essex and at Coburg. Mr. Keister is also the owner of a quarter section of land in Sully county, South Dakota. The years have chronicled his success which comes from his ability to correctly judge of life's contacts and its experiences and to utilize every favoring opportunity.

In 1880 Mr. Keister was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Baird of Essex, and unto them have been born eight children, of whom five are living. These are: Muriel J., the wife of W. J. Parrott of Coburg, who is third partner in the business and has charge of the lumberyards of the firm of Keister, Collins & Company at Coburg; Delmont C., of Omaha, Nebraska; James D., who is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Frank D., who is an assistant in the Coburg lumberyards; and Baird V., at home.

In his political views Mr. Keister is a stalwart republican where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot but his fellow townsmen's appreciation of his public-spirited citizenship and his devotion to the general good is indicated in the fact that he was elected to the office of mayor, in which connection he gave a public-spirited and beneficial administration. He belongs to Mountain Lodge, No. 360, A. F. & A. M., and is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as elder. His success has followed as the logical sequence of his close application and business probity and in other relations of life as well he has enjoyed the unqualified esteem and confidence of his associates and colleagues.

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### JOHN H. WALKINSHAW.

Each community has a certain number of citizens to whom they point with pride as leaders in the activities which are foremost in the upbuilding and progress of the locality. In Blanchard John H. Walkinshaw is accounted one of the number for he is a man of unfaltering integrity, unabating industry and energy that never flags. These qualities have gained him success and leadership in business circles. He is now owner of the grain elevator and also the vice president of the First National Bank of Blanchard.

His birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, May 9, 1843, his parents being John and Margaret (Glasgow) Walkinshaw, who were early settlers of that county. His father was born in Ireland and when about three years of age was brought to the United States by his parents, John and Mary (Henry) Walkinshaw, who settled in Guernsey county, Ohio, where they resided until the fall of 1857, when they removed to Des Moines county, Iowa. Reared in the Buckeye state, John Walkinshaw, the father of our subject, there acquired his education and learned the miller's trade. After coming to Iowa he turned his attention to farming, which he continued to follow until called to his final rest, his death occurring at Morning Sun, Iowa, when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife, who was born in Scotland, came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.



Arthur Glasgow and died at the age of forty-two years. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: James, deceased; Jane, who is the widow of Andrew McConaughy and lives in Superior, Nebraska; Maria, the wife of John Kilpatrick, of Des Moines county, Iowa; Hugh W., a resident of Page county; John H.; Margaret, the wife of Thomas Read, of California; Adam, who is living in Nebraska; Lemuel, whose home is in Stockton, California; Mary Ann, the wife of James Baird, of Des Moines county, Iowa; Arthur G., who lives at Santa Anna, California; and three who died in infancy.

John H. Walkinshaw resided in Guernsey county, Ohio, until about fourteen years of age and during that period mastered the elementary branches of learning as a pupil in the district schools. Subsequently he accompanied his parents to Iowa and in 1869 became a resident of Harlan township, Page county. He bought raw land there at five dollars per acre, improved it and built a house thereon, hauling the lumber from Hamburg. He lived there for about six years and on the expiration of that period sold his property for thirty dollars per acre. Removing to Atchinson county, Missouri, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw land at seven dollars and a half per acre, improved the place and built thereon a house, hauling the lumber from Clarinda. There he lived for about twenty-six years and as his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm from time to time until it comprised three hundred and sixty acres. The extent of his possessions was the indication of the success which came to him and which was the direct result of close application and unabating energy.

Following the death of his wife Mr. Walkinshaw removed to Blanchard and about a year later became owner of a grain elevator. In 1898 he became associated with James C. McKee in establishing the present business which they conducted together until 1905 and then admitted Joseph D. McKee, a brother of James C. McKee, to a partnership. They handle grain and coal under the firm name of the Walkinshaw & McKee Brothers Elevator Company, of Blanchard and Elmo, Missouri. At the latter place they have another elevator and are closely and actively associated with the grain interests of this part of the country. A man of resourceful business ability, Mr. Walkinshaw has extended his efforts into other fields. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Blanchard and is now its vice president. He never allows ordinary obstacles or difficulties to block his path but overcomes them by determined effort and perseverance, which ultimately enables him to reach the goal for which he is striving.

It was on the 29th of July, 1869, that Mr. Walkinshaw was married to Miss Sarah McCiellan, a daughter of William and Elizabeth McCiellan, of Page county. They became the parents of the following children: William A., who is now living on a farm on the Iowa and Missouri state line, near Blanchard, is married and has five children. John A., who lives about a mile south of Blanchard in Missouri, married Sarah Henning and they have three children. Elizabeth C. is the wife of Orra Duncan, of Taylor county, Iowa, and they have five children. Jennie is the wife of John McKnight, of Kansas, and they have two children. Hannah is the wife of Wil-

liam Henning, a resident of Blanchard, Missouri. Lois married Thomas Copeland and they reside in Nodaway county, Missouri. James L. married Hattie Cain and is living in Denver, Colorado, and Frank makes his home with his father. There were other children of that marriage who died in infancy. After losing his first wife Mr. Walkinshaw married again, his second union being with Margaret Watson.

Mr. Walkinshaw is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as one of the elders. He was also one of its organizers, the church being established in 1877. Throughout the intervening years he has done good work as one of its faithful advocates, cooperating in every movement that tends to promote its growth and extend its influence. He has always been a public-spirited citizen and is entitled to wear the Grand Army button from the fact that he was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in Des Moines county, Iowa, on the 29th of July, 1863, as a member of Company D, Eighth Iowa Cavalry. He joined his regiment at Davenport, where he was mustered into the United States service. He was in camp there for about three months and then went to Nashville, Tennessee. The regiment was sent into winter quarters at Waverly, Tennessee, and did guard duty on railroads in that vicinity until February, 1864. He was then at Chattanooga and joined Sherman's "bummers" at Cleveland, Tennessee, on the Atlantic campaign. The troops remained with that command until Atlanta was captured and then returned to Waterloo, where they continued until the 1st of April. They afterward did considerable skirmishing and finally arrived at Macon, Georgia, where they continued until the 1st of August, after which they were sent back to Clinton, Iowa. There Mr. Walkinshaw was mustered out August 13, 1865. He was never wounded but was injured at Waverly, Tennessee, when a team went over an embankment. In days of peace he has been equally as loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any movement for the general good. His interests have never been self-centered but have extended to various movements and measures which have insured the continuous progress and upbuilding of the town and county.

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#### T. E. BURTON.

On the roll of Tarkio's citizens appears the name of no man who more justly merits the esteem in which he is held than T. E. Burton, for the rules which govern his conduct and have molded his life history are such as everywhere awaken confidence and trust. His business affairs have been so capably conducted as to win substantial success and have been so honorably managed that his name has become a synonym in the community for business integrity. His home is on section 34, Tarkio township.

He is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Belmont county, that state, on the 16th of August, 1851, his parents being George and Margaret (Cummins) Burton. The father was a native of Loudoun

county, Virginia, and when a young man removed to Ohio, where he married, establishing his home in Belmont county. For many years he was identified with merchandising at Burton station, where he conducted a successful business, and he was also extensively engaged in the buying and shipping of tobacco for some years and also in the cultivation of that plant. He became one of the prominent, energetic and forceful business men of that section, his activity contributing in substantial measure to its growth and progress. A busy and useful life was terminated when, in 1888, in his eightieth year he was called to his final rest.

T. E. Burton was reared at home, where he was trained to habits of industry, economy and perseverance. He received instruction in business methods from his father whom he assisted in his various lines of commercial and agricultural activity. He was a youth of fourteen years when, in 1865, in company with a brother, he went to Clark county, Illinois, where he remained for more than a year. But he was afflicted with ague there and in the fall of 1866 returned to his Ohio home. In the spring of 1868, however, he once more went to Illinois and spent a year as a farm hand in Clark and Putnam counties. In the winter of 1869 and 1870 he again returned to his native county, where he spent five years, during which period he was engaged in teaching and in farming. During the latter portion of that time he purchased an interest in his father's mercantile business but after devoting a year or more to commercial pursuits he found that the business was uncongenial and sold out.

The spring of 1876 witnessed Mr. Burton's arrival in Iowa, at which time he made his way to Page county and engaged in farming as a renter. For five years he cultivated land belonging to others and during that period carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase land in 1881. This was his first investment in real estate and thereby he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres of his present home place on section 34. He at once took up his abode thereon and it has since been his home. He has, however, extended its boundaries until he now has two hundred and sixty acres in one body, constituting one of the more valuable farms of Page county. It is equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories and is devoted to general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In this work he has been quite successful, the sale of his crops bringing him a substantial income which is also materially increased by his sale of live stock.

On the 11th of November, 1873, Mr. Burton was married to Miss Eliza Coffland, of Muskingum county, Ohio, who was born, however, in Belmont county, that state. The children of this marriage are as follows: Clifford Edgar, who is superintendent of schools at Odebolt, Sac county, Iowa; Lillian, who is a teacher in the Shenandoah public schools and lives at home; Estella, the wife of Herbert Dutton, of Lincoln township; Elsie May, who is a teacher in the district schools; and Milton George, who is attending the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana.

In his political views Mr. Burton is a democrat but has never been an office seeker. He has been a liberal contributor to churches and charitable

work and a cooperant factor in many measures for the public good, desiring to see the progress of the community in material, intellectual, social and moral lines. He early came to a realization of the fact that success is not a matter of genius as held by some but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable labor. He has sought to cultivate these qualities and in their employment has gained a place among the men of affluence in Tarkio township.

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### SAMUEL STEELE FINLEY.

Among Page county's citizens who have passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten is Samuel Steele Finley, who, living in College Springs, is one of the respected and honored residents of the town. In the intervening years since his arrival he has taken an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement and progress, and his labor has been of signal service to the community and thus made it imperative that mention be made of him in this volume.

Mr. Finley was born at Cherry Fork in Adams county, Ohio, April 12, 1836, and in the paternal line comes of an old southern family, while on the distaff side he is of Pennsylvania ancestry. His parents were Robert and Mary (Barr) Finley, the former born in Augusta county, Virginia, February 14, 1790, and the latter on the 1st of March, 1800, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. They were married in Clermont county, Ohio, and their last days were spent in the vicinity of Monmouth county, Illinois, where the father died in August, 1864, and the mother in 1874. Mr. Finley was a farmer throughout his entire life and bought a thousand acres of land in Peoria county, Illinois, which he divided among his children. In connection with the tilling of the soil he also engaged largely in raising stock and was one of the leading representatives of agricultural interests in the state of his adoption. Both he and his wife were active lifelong members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Finley had nine children by a former marriage, while Mrs. Finley had eight children by her first husband. By their marriage three children were born: Samuel Steele, of this review; Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Miller, now living in Los Angeles, California; and William Washington, who became a member of the Eighty-third Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and was killed near Fort Donelson, Tennessee, in August, 1864.

Samuel Steele Finley spent the first ten years of his life in the place of his nativity and in the fall of 1846 accompanied his parents on their removal to Peoria county, Illinois. There the family lived until 1853, when they went to Fulton county and in 1856 established their home near Monmouth in Warren county, Illinois. Mr. Finley, of this review, resided in the last mentioned county until January, 1876, when he came to Page county and settled in Amity township. His entire life has been devoted to general farming and at one time he was the owner of two hundred acres of valuable

land two and a half miles east of College Springs. He improved one hundred and twenty acres of this from a wild state and later he disposed of the entire tract except eighty acres. Since March, 1905, he has resided in College Springs, where he owns a fine old home, which was formerly occupied by J. B. Laughlin, a nurseryman, who set out many beautiful trees, including many fine varieties not only on this place but also along the entire street and through the town. Mr. Finley, appreciative of the beauty of the place, made the purchase of the property which covers three blocks.

On the 29th of March, 1861, occurred the marriage of Mr. Finley and Miss M. Angeline Massey, who was born near Princeton, Indiana, June 17, 1840, and removed to Warren county, Illinois, with her parents in 1846. She was a daughter of Alfred and Esther Jane (Paul) Massey, who were natives of Lincoln county, Tennessee. After crossing the Mason & Dixon line to become residents of the north, they lived for a short time in Indiana and then went to Monmouth, Illinois, where the father conducted a wagon-shop. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Finley have been born two sons and a daughter: Alfred M., living in College Springs; Dr. Mary Angeline Finley, who for ten years engaged in teaching and then attended the Still Osteopathic College at Des Moines, from which she was graduated in 1900, after which she practiced until her death which occurred August 15, 1907, when she was in her forty-second year; and Robert Steele. Both sons are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Finley has been a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian church and has continuously served as an elder since in the thirties. He came from a family identified with the same denomination since its organization. Always opposed to oppression and favoring reform, he was a staunch advocate of the abolition cause in antebellum days and has always been a stalwart supporter of the temperance movement. He held various township offices during his residence in Illinois but since coming to Iowa has never sought nor desired political preferment. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, loyal to every trust reposed in him, and at all times manifesting business integrity that has won him the good will of his associates.

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#### W. B. BOYD.

W. B. Boyd, a representative business man, imbued with the alert and enterprising spirit characteristic of the middle west, is conducting a successful mercantile enterprise in Shenandoah as a member of the firm of Boyd & Quist, dealers in clothing and men's furnishings. He was born in Menard county, Illinois, on the 13th of March, 1857, and is a son of John W. and Mary (Harrover) Boyd. The father was a mechanic, who spent his active life in Athens, Illinois, devoting his energies to mechanical pursuits. He died in 1872 at the age of fifty-six years, while his wife passed away in Shenandoah in 1891, the family having removed to this city soon after the death of the husband and father.

W. B. Boyd spent the first fifteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his mother to Iowa. He had previously acquired his education in the common schools and following his arrival in Shenandoah he began herding cattle on the prairies here. In this way he was employed for several years, interspersed with work on the farm. From 1879 until 1882 he was employed in surveying on the Wabash railroad, the Kansas City Railroad and the Iowa Central Railroad and in the latter year he secured a position in the grocery store of Trotter & Lancy, of Shenandoah, by whom he was employed for four years. Subsequently he spent one year in a general store in northwestern Kansas, after which he returned to Shenandoah and secured a position with R. B. & C. F. Crose, general merchants. He there remained until 1892, in which year he went to Hamburg to accept a position in the shoe department of the store of S. Goldberg & Son. For eleven years he continued in that establishment as one of the most trusted and capable representatives of the house. Severing his connection with the firm in 1903, he once more came to Shenandoah, where he organized the present well known business firm of Boyd & Quist, opening the store on the 10th of October, 1903. The firm handles an up-to-date stock of clothing, men's furnishings, trunks and valises and does an extensive business. The trade of the house is large and is constantly increasing as the result of the capabilities, business management and spirit of enterprise displayed by these partners.

In 1891 occurred the marriage of Mr. Boyd and Miss Rose Swift, of Grant township, Page county, Iowa. Unto them have been born two children: Bernard F., who is attending high school; and Kenneth B. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are prominently and favorably known throughout Shenandoah, occupying an enviable position in the best social circles of the city. In his political views Mr. Boyd is an earnest republican, although never an aspirant for public preferment. His fraternal relations connect him with Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A., and he is a member of the Commercial Club and active in support of all interests relating to the public welfare or giving promise of substantial worth in connection with general progress and improvement. His ready recognition and utilization of opportunity has been one of the chief sources of his success. Gradually he has worked his way upward, placing his dependence upon close application, persistency of purpose and unfaltering commercial integrity, and his probity as well as his enterprise stands as an unquestioned fact in his career.

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#### W. B. MILLER.

The agricultural interests of Tarkio township find a worthy representative in W. B. Miller, who is living on section 29. It was in this township that he was born May 30, 1855, his parents being George and Aletha (Hill) Miller, both of whom were natives of Tennessee, where they were reared and married. Further mention of the family is made in connection with

the sketch of J. N. Miller, a banker of Clarinda, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

W. B. Miller lost his father when ten years of age and he was reared at home by his brothers Isaac and John. He was still comparatively young when he and his junior brother, M. H. Miller, with two sisters to keep house for them, purchased and located upon the northwest quarter of section 32, Tarkio township. Later the sisters were married and the brothers kept bachelor hall for a time. Subsequently, however, Mr. Miller completed arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 4th of October, 1877, and not long afterward he purchased his brothers' interest in the farm. He continued its cultivation and made his home thereon until March, 1903, but in the meantime had purchased his present property of two hundred and six acres, cornering on his previous place. In 1903 he took up his abode upon the tract which he now occupies, situated on section 29, Tarkio township. He still retains his former farm, however, so that his present holdings include three hundred and sixty-six acres. This land is now valuable and productive, the fields responding to his care and cultivation in generous harvests which find ready sale on the market. He practices the rotation of crops and carries on his work along the lines of scientific farming, having made a close study of the nature of the soil and the plant food which is necessary in the raising of good crops. He also raises white-faced Hereford cattle and has produced some fine stock.

As previously stated Mr. Miller was married in 1877, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth Dutton, of Tarkio township, Page county. Their children are six in number: Vera A., who was educated in the Clarinda high school; Alva D., who was educated in the state normal school at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and now cultivates and occupies his father's farm on section 32, Tarkio township; Oren, who supplemented his high-school course in Clarinda by a commercial course at Lincoln, Nebraska, and is now located at Fruita, Colorado; Fred I., who pursued a commercial course in the Western Normal College and is at home; Harley W., a student in Simpson College, at Indianola, Iowa; and Irma M., who is now a senior in the Clarinda high school.

The cause of education finds in Mr. Miller a stalwart champion. He has provided his children with excellent advantages in that direction and has done much to further public progress along educational lines, acting for some time as president of the school board. He is also clerk of Tarkio township, which position he has filled for ten years, his long incumbency indicating clearly his fidelity in office and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while fraternally, he is connected with Columbia Camp, No. 1896, of Yorktown.

In 1894 Mr. Miller was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 6th of August of that year, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was a member. Mr. Miller also belongs to that church and has found in its teachings the incentive of a righteous, upright life, while in his membership relations he has gained warm friends.

whose lives are permeated with the same belief that has stimulated and upheld him. His sterling worth and capability have made him an influential citizen and an analyzation into his career shows as its salient features those qualities which in every land and clime awaken confidence and high regard.

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### HUGH O'NEILL.

After a life of continuous and well directed energy and activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of honest labor, Hugh O'Neill is now living retired in Shenandoah, enjoying in merited rest the fruits of his former years of toil. A native of Ireland, he was born in County Derry on the 22d of April, 1833, a son of Barney and Catherine (Flannegan) O'Neill, also natives of the Emerald isle. The mother passed away when the subject of this review was but four years of age, and in 1847 the father brought his family of two daughters and four sons to the United States, landing in New York city on the 23d of April, after a voyage of six weeks and three days. Continuing his journey southward he settled in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was employed on the levee, loading and unloading boats. He remained in this city up to the time of his death, which occurred during the period of the Civil war.

Hugh O'Neill was fourteen years of age when he accompanied his father to the United States, and his education, begun in Ireland, was continued in the common schools of Memphis. He resided at home until twenty years of age when he left Memphis and went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the mines. For a period of thirty years he was engaged in mining in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Illinois, remaining in La Salle of the latter state for nineteen years. The year 1876 witnessed his arrival in Iowa, locating in Nodaway township, Adams county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres upon which he located. He at once directed his energies toward the cultivation and further improvement of this property and was so successful in his undertaking that three years later he was able to purchase two hundred acres more adjoining his original tract. Subsequently he acquired eighty acres in Taylor county and later added forty acres, so that eventually he became the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. Although he had divided a portion of this property among his children, he stills holds two hundred and forty acres in Adams county, which return to him a substantial annual income. Energetic and persevering in his labors and progressive in his methods, he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and the success which crowned his efforts gained for him a place among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his section of the county.

In 1854, on the 28th of October, Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Collins, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who passed away in 1897, and they became the parents of eleven children. Ten of this number



lived to maturity, while seven are still living, namely: Patrick, a farmer of North Dakota; John, the editor of the Miners Magazine of Denver, Colorado; Michael, a barber residing in St. Paul, Minnesota; Charles, employed on Senator Warner's ranch in Wyoming; Hugh; Mary, the wife of Frank M. Sayer, of Seneca county, New York; and Margaret, who is holding down a claim in Glasgow, Montana.

Mr. O'Neill enjoyed only the meager educational privileges offered by the common schools, and, recognizing the value of thorough education as a preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life, has supplied his children with liberal educational advantages, the success to which he attained in his business interests making this possible. He is a member of the Catholic church, while in politics he is independent, voting for the men and measures which in his opinion will best subserve the general welfare and prosperity of the country. He belongs to that class of men who achieve success through untiring energy and constant application, and his former labor now enables him to retire from active life. He is public-spirited in his citizenship, lending his influence to all matters which tend toward the substantial and permanent growth and prosperity of the community, while in private life his salient characteristics are in accord with the principles of true and upright manhood. He enjoys to the full the esteem and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### ORANGE B. STEVENS.

Orange B. Stevens has long been a resident of Page county and since 1896 has conducted a profitable and growing business as proprietor of the Shenandoah Greenhouses. His time and energies are given to the upbuilding of the business and he recognizes the fact that to do this he must keep abreast with the modern ideas of trade and carry stock of a most attractive quality. His greenhouses, therefore, present much of beauty, his flowers being noted for size and color, a result of careful propagation.

Mr. Stevens is a native of the middle west and the spirit of enterprise which has been the dominating influence in the rapid upbuilding of the Mississippi valley finds expression in his business career. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, January 15, 1855, and is a son of Samuel O. and Marinda (Burge) Stevens, natives of the state of New York and Ohio respectively. They were married, however, in Knox county, Illinois, to which place they had removed in childhood days. The father acquired a farm through the purchase of a land patent given by the government to a Mr. Kilpatrick, who was a soldier of the Mexican war. Coming into possession of that property he devoted his remaining days to its cultivation and improvement, transforming it into a valuable and productive farm, on which he lived until his death, on the 23rd of August, 1899. In 1886 he went to Sherman county, Kansas, where he homesteaded a quarter section of land and also took up a timber claim across the boundary line in Colorado. Both

tracts are now owned by Orange B. Stevens. The wife and mother passed away about four years prior to her husband's death, her demise occurring January 25, 1895.

On the home farm in the county of his nativity Orange B. Stevens was reared and largely acquired his education under his mother's instruction, attending the district school for only a limited period. However, his mental discipline and training were thorough and comprehensive and at the early age of fifteen years he secured a school, which he taught for one term. While he was quite young he had studied higher algebra and was well advanced in that and in other branches of learning. Desiring, however, to enjoy still better educational privileges, in the fall of 1873 he entered Wheaton College, in which he completed a classical course in 1878, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. During his senior year in college he also taught in the west side schools of South Elgin, Illinois. Three years after his graduation from college that institution conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. He continued his educational work for some time and in the summer of 1878 accepted a school below Maryville, Missouri, where he taught until the following spring. He then came to Shenandoah and for six years followed the profession of teaching in Page and Fremont counties, spending two years of that time as principal of the Blanchard school.

He then resigned his position on account of his health and thinking that outdoor life and exercise would be beneficial he turned his attention to farming in Page county, first renting land seven miles southeast of Shenandoah. He thus carried on general agricultural pursuits for seven years and during the last three years of that time also followed gardening to some extent. In 1892 he took up his abode in Shenandoah and concentrated his energies upon gardening, in which line of business he continued for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present place and gave his attention to horticultural pursuits. In connection with his greenhouse business he continues gardening to some extent but gives most of his attention to the cultivation of flowers and shrubs, having well equipped greenhouses in which are found the finest varieties of plants suitable for outdoor and house cultivation. He now enjoys a large trade in surrounding towns as well as Shenandoah, his business having reached very gratifying proportions.

It was on the 28th of June, 1883, that Mr. Stevens completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Amanda J. Stake, a resident of Page county, Iowa, but a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. She came to this state in 1873 with her parents, Eli and Savilla Ann (Rea) Stake. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have been born four children: Blanche Iona, who is principal of the schools of Castleton, North Dakota; Elmer Orange, who is a certified expert accountant, of New York state; Josiah Avery and Verna May, both deceased.

Mr. Stevens is an independent voter with republican sympathies. He does not feel himself bound by party ties, however, but supports the measures which he deems for the best interests of the community at large. He

belongs to the Commercial Club and both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, in which for the past twelve years he has served as deacon. His wife is also greatly interested in the temperance movement and belongs to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and to the Political Equality Club. Mr. Stevens is a self-made man who, starting out in life empty-handed, has worked his way steadily upward. He early realized the fact that in the individual and not in his environment is success to be found and, working along well defined lines of labor, he has made steady progress in his agricultural and commercial interests and is now conducting a constantly increasing and prosperous business. He gives his wife great credit for the success he has achieved as she has always aided and encouraged him in his work and at present she designs most of the floral pieces at the greenhouses.

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#### F. O. PETERSON.

Among those who have come from foreign lands and become identified with commercial interests in Page county, is numbered F. O. Peterson, who is conducting a general mercantile establishment in Essex. He was born in Sweden, July 23, 1864, a son of P. J. and Anna C. Peterson, who were likewise natives of Sweden, where they were married ere their emigration to the United States in 1873. Upon their arrival in the new world, the father made his way with his family to Page county, Iowa, and purchased forty acres of land in Fremont township, to which he later added a tract of forty acres. He was there engaged in general farming until the time of his death in December, 1896, when he was eighty years of age. On coming to America, Mr. Peterson found there were so many people of the same name here, he changed his name to Skarstrom, which was the name of the place on which he made his home in the old country, and during his residence in Page county he was known by the latter name. He was survived by his widow for several years, her death occurring in March, 1908, when she had reached the age of eighty-three years.

F. O. Peterson was reared on the home farm in Page county, being a lad of nine years at the time the family emigrated to the United States. He acquired his education in the district schools near his home and therein mastered the common branches of English learning. In 1887 he went to Colorado and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Phillips county. He lived on his land there until the fall of 1888, when he returned to his home in Page county and remained until 1890. In that year, having decided upon commercial pursuits as a life work, he entered the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, where he pursued a business course. He then secured a position as clerk in the establishment of A. Nieustedt, of Clarinda, remaining with him six years. During this time he made a close study of business conditions and methods and also carefully saved his earnings in the hope of some day engaging in business on his own account.

In 1897 he came to Essex and opened a general mercantile establishment, which he has conducted to the present time. He now owns the leading store in this thriving little city and his success may be attributed to his modern methods, push and square dealing. He also has other financial interests, being a stockholder and a director of the First National Bank of Essex.

Mr. Peterson was married in 1902 to Miss Carrie Anderson, of Essex, and their marriage has been blessed with a little daughter, Clara Viola. Mr. Peterson is a republican in his political views and at the present time is serving as city treasurer. He belongs to Essex Camp, M. W. A., while both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. His enterprising and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word. By constant exertion and good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position which he now occupies, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him either in business or social circles.

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#### SAMUEL BENGTON.

Samuel Bengtson is one of the worthy citizens that Sweden has furnished to Page county and he dates his residence here from 1885, during which time he has been closely identified with agricultural labors. He is now the owner of three hundred and forty-three and a half acres in Pierce township, his home farm being a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10.

His birth occurred in Sweden on the 29th of May, 1850, his parents being Bengt and Mary (Johnson) Bengtson, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. Mr. Bengtson of this review obtained his education in the public schools of his native land and on reaching manhood secured a position as coachman for a wealthy family, thus serving for about fifteen years, during which period he had the honor of driving the king a couple of times. The year 1885 witnessed his emigration to the United States and after landing on the shores of the new world he made his way at once to Pierce township, Page county, Iowa, where he has since resided.

For three years he worked as a farm hand by the month and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, being successfully engaged in the cultivation of a rented tract of land for eight years. On the expiration of that period, by dint of unremitting labor and capable management, he had accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to purchase property of his own, and in 1896 he came into possession of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, on which he has since made his home. In 1905 he bought a farm of one hundred and eighty-three and a half acres across the road from his home place, so that his landed holdings now embrace three hundred and forty-three and a half acres. He well merits the proud American title of a self-made man, having worked his way steadily upward from a humble position until he is now numbered among the substantial, progressive and representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Bengtson has been married twice. About the year 1873, in Sweden, he wedded Miss Clara Magnerson, by whom he had six children, as follows: Beda, the wife of Frank Sederburg, of Essex; Charlie, who follows farming in Pierce township; Annie, who is deceased; Ellen, the wife of Bert McClintock, of Pierce township, Page county; Erick, at home; and Mary, the wife of Flay Jackson, of Fremont county, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away on the 19th of June, 1906, and in 1907 Mr. Bengtson was again married, his second union being with the widow of Gust Burg, who in her maidenhood was Miss Selma Ring. To this union was born one child, Emanuel, August 16, 1909.

At the polls Mr. Bengtson casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is a member of the board of trustees and also treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a devoted member. They are both highly esteemed in the community and have an extensive circle of warm friends, who entertain for them the kindest regard and to them extend the hospitality of their homes.

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#### PORT H. KING.

Four decades have been added to the cycle of the centuries since Port H. King came to Page county with his parents. He has here lived since the fall of 1869 and from pioneer times to the present has been an interested witness of the changes that have been wrought and the work that has transformed the wild prairie of the western frontier into one of the leading counties of a great country. He was but six years of age at the time of the arrival of the family in Iowa, for his birth occurred in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1863. He is a son of James K. King, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

His youthful days were spent under the parental roof and he was trained to the work of the fields, assisting in their cultivation from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He attended the district schools in Parkfield township, profiting by the instruction there received and finding his recreation in such games and sports as claimed the attention of most farm boys of the period. On reaching his majority he began farming on his own account, renting and cultivating his father's place for three years. It was his purpose during that time to become the owner of a farm and with this end in view he carefully saved his earnings. In 1887, therefore, he invested the capital he had saved in ninety acres of land, which he purchased from his father and which has since been his home with the exception of five years which he spent in Shenandoah in order that his daughter might complete her education in the schools of that city. His farm work has been diligently pursued and intelligently directed and has brought to him substantial and financial returns.

On the 13th of September, 1883, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Katie M. Homan, of Yorktown, this county. Their only child is Lulu J., a graduate of the Shenandoah high school and now the wife of Dr. Frank Bartley, of Neligh, Nebraska.

Mr. King is identified with several fraternal societies, holding membership in Shenandoah Camp, W. O. W.; Coin Lodge, M. W. A.; Shenandoah Homestead of the Yeomen of America, and Coin Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is loyal to the teachings of these organizations for he is in sympathy with the spirit of universal brotherhood upon which they are founded. His study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give his allegiance to the republican party. He is particularly a product of the western frontier of Iowa and if all citizens were of his class Page county might indeed be proud to claim her sons. He has made good use of his time and opportunities and has so planned and guided his life that its chief features stand out as characteristics worthy of high commendation.

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### JOHN H. MURPHY, JR.

John H. Murphy is busily engaged in farming in Colfax township, devoting his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of a farm of eighty acres which presents a neat and attractive appearance. He was born in this township, June 5, 1883, his parents being John J. and Elizabeth (Hile) Murphy, early settlers of this locality. The father was born in Ireland and when only twelve years of age left the Emerald Isle and sailed for the United States, landing in New York. He afterward went to Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand until 1879, when he came to Page county and invested in eighty acres of land, which he improved and cultivated. As he prospered in his undertakings he added eighty acres to the original tract and became the owner of an excellent farm. His wife is a native of Ohio and like her husband is widely and favorably known in their part of the county. They had a family of ten children: Thomas and Nellie, who are still upon the old home farm; Fred, a resident farmer of Colfax township; James, living in Nebraska; Jennie and Lillie, both at home; John H., of this review; Albert C., a twin brother of our subject; and Gertrude and William, who complete the family.

John H. Murphy has always lived in Colfax township and attended the district schools. Through the periods of vacation he worked in the fields and after he had attained his majority he determined to make his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. In 1908 he purchased from Ed H. Mitchell the farm on which he now resides and has since made a number of improvements here. The place is well developed and his carefully cultivated fields return to him generous harvests each year. On the 6th of December, 1904, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Mabel J. Vawter, a daughter of Grant G. and Nancy (Beell) Vawter, of Colfax township, who were early settlers of Page county. Her father is now de-

ceased, while her mother is living in California. They were the parents of nine children: Mabel, Melvin, Floyd, Cora, Edna, Lewis, Ruth, Dorlin and Blestin.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Methodist church at Coin and are well known in that village and throughout this part of the county, where their many excellent traits of character have won for them warm friends. Mr. Murphy is recognized as one of the enterprising young farmers of this part of the state and in his work is meeting with gratifying success.

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#### ELBERT A. READ.

Honored and respected by all, Elbert A. Read occupies an enviable position in financial and business circles and is widely recognized as a young man of marked ability to whom the future seems to promise success as his salient qualities are intelligently directed industry and ready appreciation of opportunity. He is now the cashier and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Shenandoah, the vice president of the First National Bank of Coin, cashier of the First National Bank of Imogene, and director of the First National Bank of Farragut.

Mr. Read is one of Page county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Clarinda, Iowa, on the 17th of July, 1874. He is a son of T. H. Read, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. In the acquirement of his education he passed through the consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a high-school student and later he entered the Western Normal College, while subsequently he spent two years as a student in the Michigan University. He left that institution in 1894 and entered at once upon the duties of an active business career as assistant in his father's bank in Shenandoah. In the intervening fifteen years he has been closely identified with the banking interests of Page county and is thoroughly familiar with every department of the business, with the moneyed market, with safe investments and reliable securities. In 1894 he was made assistant cashier of the Shenandoah Bank and five years later was elected its cashier, since which time he has been closely associated with his father in the banking business and in the extension of their interests along that line. He has assisted in the organization and conduct of three other banks and is widely known among the financiers of southwestern Iowa. He has been one of the most active, helpful and beneficial factors in the upbuilding of the business sections of Shenandoah. There has been nothing of a constructive nature in this city in which his hand has not been seen and at all times his judgment is reliable and his methods practical.

It is not alone in business lines that Mr. Read has figured prominently. He is a member of the Congregational church and its board of trustees. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Chautauqua Association and is identified in an official way with the Shenandoah Fair Association. Whatever tends to promote the welfare and progress of Shenandoah elicits

his interest and receives his cooperation. He is also regarded as a valued and popular representative of various fraternities here. He belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E., is acting on its board of trustees and is a member of the building committee, having in charge the erection of the new Elks' building here. He also belongs to Juniata Lodge, K. P., of which he is treasurer; and to Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Read was married in 1900 to Miss Josabel London, a daughter of David S. and Mary C. (Elder) London, of Shenandoah. They are the parents of three daughters: Eleanor, Marian and Winifred. Mr. Read and his family occupy a handsome residence at the intersection of Crescent and Ann streets and while pleasing in its architecture and its furnishings its warm-hearted hospitality is one of its most attractive features.

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### JAMES C. BLACK.

On the list of Page county's honored dead appears the name of James C. Black, whose sterling character was manifested in his business integrity, his championship of measures for the public good and his loyalty to the best interests of society. He was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1831, a son of Mathew and Eliza (Currey) Black. The family, of Irish lineage, was founded in America by his grandfather, who was born on the Emerald Isle. The birth of Mathew Black occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1799 and he passed away in Butler county, same state, in 1850. His wife was born in Ireland about the year 1801 and died in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1833.

Mathew Black was reared to general agricultural pursuits, in which he continued throughout his life. Both he and his wife held membership in the United Presbyterian church, which was then known as the Associated Reformed church. He was twice married, the children of his first union being John A., Jane C. and Mathew I., all now deceased. Having lost his first wife, he was married again and had six children: Uriah J. and Jarvis T., both now deceased; Abigail, the wife of William Maxwell; Robert W.; Silas T., who has passed away; and Joshua T.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Joseph C. Black, who spent his boyhood and youth on the old homestead in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and is indebted to the common schools of that locality for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He remained in the east until 1852, when he sought the business opportunities of the growing west, and for seven years was employed by the month as a farm hand in Hancock county, Illinois. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings until he had the sum of six hundred dollars, which he invested in forty acres of land.

When he had thus made preparations for having a home of his own, he felt justified in taking unto himself a wife, and on the 27th of April, 1858,



Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Graham, a daughter of William and Rachel (Glasgow) Graham, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Ohio. Her mother died in the Buckeye state in 1848, while the father passed away in Illinois in 1867. They were both consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Reformed Presbyterian church. Their family numbered fourteen children: William M. and Nancy A., both now deceased; Rhoda G., the wife of James Montgomery; Calvin C.; Hugh J.; Martha J., who became Mrs. Black; Louisa R., Hadassa N., Robert R. and Amanda S., who have all passed away; Joseph C.; M. G.; John C., deceased; and Mary S., the wife of William Nelson. Of this number, Mrs. Black was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 3, 1830.

After his marriage Mr. Black settled with his bride on his little farm in Hancock county, Illinois, and continued to cultivate it until April, 1867, during which time he erected good buildings thereon and brought the fields under a high state of improvement, but he was desirous of obtaining more land and, realizing that farm property could be purchased at a lower figure in Iowa, he came to Page county and invested in one hundred and twenty acres. Only about twenty acres of that tract had been broken and the improvements upon it consisted of a log cabin, in which the family lived for a year and a half. In 1880 the pioneer building was converted into a kitchen and in front of it a nice frame residence was constructed. Other modern and valuable improvements were made upon the farm from time to time, including the planting of an orchard of two acres, and as his financial resources increased Mr. Black added to his original purchases another tract of one hundred and twenty acres. The pioneer farm was brought under cultivation through his industry and energy, and his possessions were the visible evidence of his untiring labor, for when he came to Iowa he had little capital. As the years passed, however, he accumulated a comfortable competence and in all that he did was ably assisted by his wife.

Mr. Black's business record was interrupted by his service in the Civil war for, in the fall of 1864, he offered his aid to the country, enlisting in Company E, Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, remaining at the front for a year, after which he returned to his home in Illinois. His political allegiance was given to the republican party from the time of its organization and his fellow townsmen, recognizing the worth of his citizenship, called him to several local offices. He served for six years as township trustee, was assessor for three years and was also a member of the school board, discharging the duties of these various positions in a most capable and efficient manner.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Black were born six children: William M., now a well known and leading farmer of Harlan township; Robert G., who is living in Anderson county, Kansas; Elmer E., whose home is in Mount Ayr, Ringgold county, Iowa; James P., who died January 14, 1868; Arnellas E., who died in January, 1875; and a daughter who died in infancy.

The death of the father occurred on the old homestead on section 35, Harlan township, November 10, 1899, and the mother died at the home of her son Robert in southern Kansas, August 17, 1909, and her remains were

brought back to College Springs, being interred beside her husband in the cemetery there. Both were members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Black contributed generously of his means to the support of the church and for ten years served as one of its deacons. He was a man whom to know was to esteem because in every relation of life he manifested a spirit of honor and was ever straightforward in his dealings whether of a business or a social nature.

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### CHRISTIAN W. FISHBAUGH.

Christian W. Fishbaugh, a banker and land proprietor, who until recent years was the largest landowner of southwestern Iowa, has in life record proved the efficiency of indefatigable and intelligently directed industry in winning success. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 20th of February, 1847, his parents being Christian and Mary (Gross) Fishbaugh. The father was a native of Bavaria, Germany, while the mother's birth occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio. Having spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native country, Christian Fishbaugh, Sr., then accompanied his parents to the United States and after his marriage located upon a farm in Crawford county, Ohio. His remaining days were devoted to general agricultural pursuits in that county, where he passed away at the comparatively early age of forty-five years. After the father's death the family removed to Tiffin, Ohio, where the mother died at the age of sixty-one years.

Christian W. Fishbaugh was reared at home, acquiring his education in the district schools of Crawford county. He was fourteen years of age at the removal to Tiffin, at which time he began work in his brother's wagon manufacturing plant, being there employed until his twenty-first year. On obtaining his majority he was admitted to a partnership under the firm name of Fishbaugh Brothers, the firm owning and controlling the patent wagon hound, the best wagon hound ever producted. This brought to their business a world-wide acquaintance and insured their success. C. W. Fishbaugh was identified with this manufacturing interest until 1885 but in the meantime, in 1882, he had removed west to Shenandoah. He retained his financial interest in the Ohio business for three years and it is still in operation in Tiffin under the name of the Fishbaugh Bent Works.

After arriving in Shenandoah, Christian W. Fishbaugh turned his attention to the live-stock business and to farming, in which line he was actively engaged until 1903, when he withdrew from active connection with agricultural pursuits and became one of the heaviest stockholders in the Commercial Savings Bank, now the Commercial National Bank of Shenandoah. He was elected vice president of the institution, in which capacity he was identified with the bank for three years. In 1906, however, he sold his bank stock and for two years thereafter gave his undivided attention to his landed interests. In the fall of 1908 he was instrumental in the organi-

zation of the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Shenandoah, his associate in this venture being his son, Earl C. Fishbaugh. On the 6th of January, 1909, they opened their doors for business and in the management of the bank have shown themselves familiar with the demands of the financial world. Already the institution has secured many patrons and its business is constantly growing. In all of his operations Mr. Fishbaugh has been very successful and at one time was the owner of over nineteen hundred acres of the most valuable farming land in Iowa, located in Fremont and Page counties.

In October, 1873, Mr. Fishbaugh was married to Miss Melinda Angene, of Broken Sword, Crawford county, Ohio. Unto them were born two sons, Warren P., a stockman, who is looking after the interests of his farms, and Earl C., cashier of the Security Trust & Savings Bank.

In his political views Mr. Fishbaugh is an earnest republican and served for nine years as a member of the town council of Shenandoah, during which time he labored effectively and earnestly to introduce many needed reforms and improvements. For three years he was a member of the school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. He likewise belongs to the Congregational church and is greatly interested in the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of the community. Starting out in life at the age of fourteen years without any special advantages he has made steady progress in the business world nor has his path ever been strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. He has sought his success in the legitimate lines of trade and commerce, and at all times his commercial probity has stood as an unquestioned fact in his career.

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#### WILLIAM C. JEFFREY.

William C. Jeffrey, one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Page county, is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, one hundred and sixty acres of which lies in Lincoln township, while the remaining eighty-acre tract is in Colfax township. His birth occurred in Chester county, Pennsylvania, on the 8th of September, 1861, his parents being William and Anna (Duncan) Jeffrey, who were born and married in Ireland. The father's natal year was 1827, and the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 15th of May, 1828. In the year 1869, William Jeffrey, in company with his wife and children, made the journey from Pennsylvania to this state, going by rail as far as Hamburg, Iowa, and thence by wagon to Page county. The family first located on the farm which is now the home of our subject, renting the property for a year. The first night of their arrival here they slept in an old frame house made of native oak and walnut. The pioneer structure still remains on the farm but has been moved from its original location. At the end of a year the family took up their abode near Clarinda, Iowa, where the father engaged in the operation of a rented farm for about twelve months. On the expira-

tion of that period he removed to Taylor county, this state, where his demise occurred in 1872. After a residence of two years in that county the family home was established in Page county, where Mr. Jeffrey of this review has since made his home. Mrs. Anna Jeffrey, who survived her husband for two decades, was called to her final rest on the 14th of January, 1892. She was the mother of six children, namely: Mary, who is the widow of A. A. Staples and makes her home at Burlington Junction, Missouri; Fannie, the wife of Charles N. Collins, of Fort Morgan, Colorado; John, a resident of Oklahoma; Maggie, the wife of William Boyle, of Blanchard, Iowa; Henry, also living in Oklahoma; and William C., of this review. All of these children are natives of the Keystone state.

William C. Jeffrey was about six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Chester county, Pennsylvania, to this state. He obtained his education in the schools of Taylor county and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. It was in March, 1906, that he came into possession of his present farm, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres from James Beggs, eighty in Lincoln and eighty in Colfax, and eighty acres in Lincoln township from the James McKee estate. He has made extensive improvements on the property, erecting a commodious and substantial residence, good barns and all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He has fenced the land and has made it cultivatable through the rotation of crops, his harvests each year being such as to reward him for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He also devotes considerable attention to the feeding of stock and this branch of his business adds materially to his annual income. His farm was first entered from the government by Robert B. Bratton, who built the old house which is still standing on the property—a mute reminder of pioneer days and experiences.

On the 6th of December, 1886, Mr. Jeffrey was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hensleigh, who was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, her parents being John and Nancy (Lydic) Hensleigh, of Colfax township. The father, an native of England, was brought to this country by his parents when a little lad of six years. His demise occurred in 1899 when he had attained the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, a native of Pennsylvania, passed away in 1879, when forty-three years of age. Unto them were born fourteen children, as follows: Elizabeth, who is now deceased; George E.; John H.; Frank V.; E. W.; Anna; Katie; Walter; Fred; L. M.; A. G.; and three who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey became the parents of five children, namely: Clemmie, who is the wife of John Christenson of Colfax township and has two children, Newell J. and John F.; Edith and Lynn, who are at home; Lester, who died at the age of ten months; and Lyle, also under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Jeffrey is a stanch republican and has capably served in the positions of township trustee and school director, holding the former office for six years. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Blanchard, while his religious faith is indicated

by his membership in the Methodist church at Coin. In whatever sphere of life he is found he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman and enjoys in unlimited degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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### G. J. LILJEDAHL.

G. J. Liljedahl is closely identified with the financial interests of Pierce township as cashier of the First National Bank of Essex and in this capacity has gained a reputation throughout the community for keen business discernment and strict integrity. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 25th of August, 1871, and belongs to a family that, like many another that has come from across the water, sought the opportunities of the new world that advancement might be made in business lines and better advantages given to the members of the household.

His father, John Liljedahl, came to the United States in 1869 and was followed a year later by his family, which at that time consisted of his wife and three children. He first located in Rock Island county, Illinois, where for about three years he was identified with coal mining, and then he removed to Fremont township, Page county, Iowa, where in connection with two brothers, Frank and Gustaf, he purchased a farm of eighty acres. Later he withdrew from the partnership and removed to Pierce township, where he passed away in 1901, at the age of sixty-four years. He had been very successful in his business dealings, securing a most gratifying competency, and he was the owner of about five hundred and sixty acres of land, mostly situated in Pierce township. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Mary Peterson, passed away in 1892 when fifty-two years old.

Reared under the parental roof, G. J. Liljedahl acquired his early education in the common schools, while later for a short period he attended Luther Academy at Wahoo, Nebraska. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm, and then in 1894, starting out in business on his own account, he engaged in the grocery business at Page Center for only one year. In 1895 he and his brother Frank purchased the Essex Roller Mills, which they continued to operate for seven years, and throughout this period G. J. Liljedahl superintended the management of the business. During his connection therewith he manifested excellent executive ability, his good judgment and his keen business sagacity proving potent elements in the success of the enterprise. In 1902 the brothers sold the mill and in August of that year Mr. Liljedahl of this review was offered the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Essex, which position he accepted and which he has since occupied. He makes an excellent official and is very popular with the patrons of the bank, whom he seeks to serve to the best of his ability, at all times performing his duties promptly and efficiently, while he is widely known throughout the community for his integrity and honesty. He has the unqualified confi-

dence not only of the other officials of the institution but also of the public at large and his loyalty to the interests of the bank is unquestioned.

It was on the 6th of October 1897, that Mr. Liljedahl was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Sar, or Essex, and to this union have been born three children, namely: E. Bernard, Clarence J. and Hilfred M. Mr. and Mrs. Liljedahl are members of the Lutheran church of which the former is treasurer, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is staunch in his support of the republican party and is now serving his third term as a member of the town council. He has also served as school treasurer and has ever been deeply interested in the cause of education. A man of resourceful ability, constantly watchful of opportunities, he has seized legitimate advantages as they have arisen and has never hesitated to take a forward step when the way was open. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspire confidence, the simple weight of his character and ability has brought him into positions of trust and responsibility and he ranks high among the well known and valued citizens of Pierce township.

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#### EARL C. FISHBAUGH.

Banking institutions are the heart of the commercial body and indicate the healthfulness of trade. The bank that follows a safe, conservative policy does more to establish public confidence in times of widespread financial depression than any other one thing and the men who control its affairs are looked upon at such times as the promoters of stability and the guardians of trade interests. Well qualified by his experience and his training for the conduct of banking interests, Earl C. Fishbaugh is now serving as cashier of the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Shenandoah. He is yet a young man but has given manifestation of many sterling business qualities. He was born in Tiffin, Ohio, on the 7th of March, 1880, and is a son of Christian W. and Malinda (Angene) Fishbaugh, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

Earl C. Fishbaugh was only two years old at the time of his parents' removal to Iowa and it was in Shenandoah that he was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. He passed through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1898, at which time he turned his attention to farming and was identified with agricultural interests through five summers. In November, 1902, he became connected with the banking business, securing a position as book-keeper in the Commercial Savings Bank, now the Commercial National Bank of Shenandoah. He had acted in that capacity for ten months, when he was made assistant cashier of the institution, so continuing until January, 1906, when he resigned his position to become assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Shenandoah. His time was thus occupied until April 1908, and in the fall of that year the organization of the Security Trust &

Savings Bank was effected, Mr. Fishbaugh being connected with the work. On the 7th of January, 1909, the doors of the new institution were thrown open to the public, with Earl C. Fishbaugh as cashier, and already the business has made rapid strides, the possibilities and indications of future success being most favorable.

Mr. Fishbaugh is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and also of Juniata Lodge, K. P.; of Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A.; the Woodmen of the World; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Royal Neighbors; and Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E. He likewise belongs to the Congregational church and is interested in those movements which tend to promote humanitarianism and uphold the moral standard. His political allegiance is given to the republican party where state and national questions are involved but at local elections he casts an independent ballot, voting for the candidate irrespective of party ties if he believes that the best interests of the community will be conserved thereby. In the spring of 1909 he was nominated and elected on the labor ticket to the office of city treasurer and his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him were indicated in the fact that he received the highest vote of any candidate at the election and is the youngest treasurer that has ever filled the office.

On the 15th of December, 1908, Mr. Fishbaugh was united in marriage to Miss Irene Fender, a daughter of Martin Fender, a farmer of Page county, now residing in Shenandoah. Like her husband Mrs. Fishbaugh is a member of the Congregational church and they are prominent socially. He is a young man of strong personality and of marked individuality and is classed with the able young financiers of southwestern Iowa. Everywhere he is held in high regard and his friends are legion.

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#### J. J. DUNNEGAN.

J. J. Dunnegan, one of the leading contractors of southwestern Iowa, making his home in Shenandoah, was born in North Carolina on the 10th of May, 1861. He is the son of Joseph and Pauline (Ireland) Dunnegan, both of whom were also natives of North Carolina and representatives of old southern families. The father was reared in the south and, like his father before him, was a slave-holding planter, being the owner of fifteen slaves at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted for service in the Confederate army and died from the effects of poison administered by a northern spy at Manassas Junction. His widow died soon after the war at the early age of thirty-three years.

J. J. Dunnegan was but two years old at the time of his mother's death. He was bound out to a man by the name of Hoskins at six years of age and because of the treatment he received ran away at the age of twelve years and found a home with a Mr. Mendenhall, with whom he remained until his eighteenth year. He then started out in life on his own account and for two years was employed at four dollars a month. He then secured a contract to furnish wood for the Southern Railway and at this

made as high as one hundred and fifty dollars per month, but when wood was supplanted by coal he no longer had a business. Coming to Iowa, he secured a position as a section hand on the Wabash Railroad at Centerville, where he continued for nine months, and subsequently he went to Milford, Nebraska, where he fed cattle for four years in the employ of a well known ranchman of that section of the country. Later he removed to Perkins county, Nebraska, where he secured a homestead, but in that venture lost his savings of the past years. Returning to Milford, he again engaged in feeding cattle for his former employer and was also busily engaged in other work. Again he carefully saved his earnings until his economical expenditures and unfaltering industry had enabled him to acquire a sum of money sufficient to purchase a livery stable at Milford. But his luck as yet had not changed, for one year later the livery stable burned and he was again left without funds. This was in 1891.

The same year Mr. Dunnegan came to Shenandoah, where he sought employment in a plumbing shop and four months later he purchased a half interest in the business, while in the spring of 1902 he became sole proprietor of the enterprise, which he conducted until 1903. He then sold out to the firm of Frink & Hamilton and in 1893 he began contracting in connection with his plumbing business. His first contract was the building of the Shenandoah Water Works, in 1893. Since that time he has been prominently identified with the construction of water works, sewer systems and street pavings, and his business has carried him into various sections of the west as he has executed contracts all over the states of Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan. His business has grown to extensive and profitable proportions and he is today one of the prominent contractors of southwestern Iowa. In addition to his interests in that line he is a director in the Shenandoah National Bank and is largely identified with the Electric Light, Heating & Power Company, of Shenandoah.

On the 8th of October, 1890, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dunnegan and Miss Ella Stream, of Milford, Nebraska, and unto them was born a daughter, Jennie E., who is now attending high school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunnegan are prominent and faithful members and active workers in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Dunnegan is serving on the church board of trustees and acted as a member of the finance committee in the raising of fifty thousand dollars for the building of a new church. His wife is a member of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies and is also a member of the public library board and of its book-purchasing committee.

Fraternally, Mr. Dunnegan is associated with Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; and Page Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A. In politics he is a stalwart democrat, believing the interests of the country are best conserved through the advancement of democratic principles. He has been an influential factor in local councils of the party for a number of years, served for two years as a member of the city council of Shenandoah, and in 1908 was a delegate to the democratic



national convention at Denver, which nominated W. J. Bryan. He ranks as one of Shenandoah's most prominent business men, possessing the alert, enterprising spirit that enables him to accomplish whatever he undertakes. In his former years he seemed to suffer defeat and failure, but patience is the price of power and Mr. Dunnegan was persistent and earnest, never giving up his intention of eventually engaging in business for himself. He therefore used his opportunities to the best advantage, overcame all difficulties and obstacles in his path and has made substantial progress until he is now at the head of a prosperous and growing business.

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#### HENRY E. DEATER.

Henry E. Deater, who since January, 1906, has capably served as the postmaster of Shenandoah, is the secretary, assistant editor and assistant manager of the Sentinel Post Company. His birth occurred in Lagrange, Indiana, on the 18th of April, 1862, his parents being John and Nancy J. (Leighter) Deater, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They were married in Indiana, to which state they had removed in early manhood and womanhood. The father, who established his home in Lagrange, was an agriculturist by occupation and filled the office of county judge for some years. He passed away at the comparatively early age of forty years, his demise occurring in 1862. The mother of our subject afterward married again, her second union being with Thomas Bean, who died in the year 1870. Mrs. Bean still survives, however, and is a resident of Abingdon, Illinois.

Henry E. Deater was but eleven years of age at the time his stepfather died, leaving a widow and four children in straitened circumstances, and it became necessary for him to aid in the support of the family as best he could. He manfully shouldered the responsibility and assisted in the maintenance of his widowed mother and her children until he had attained his twentieth year. His stepfather had established the family home in Appanoose county, Iowa, but subsequently Henry E. Deater removed to Warren county, Illinois, with the mother and her four children, there continuing to reside until 1882. In that year he started westward with the intention of reading law under the direction of Judge E. G. Godfrey, of Minden, Nebraska, who had been his last school teacher. He had a sister living at Shenandoah, Iowa, and, stopping here on a visit, determined to remain for a time in order to attend college during a term of ten weeks. He had thirty dollars on his arrival, which he gave for tuition and worked in the dining room to pay for his board. On the expiration of his term the president of the college, William M. Crone, insisted that he continue his studies there and when Mr. Deater told him that he had no money the president said he would personally furnish the necessary funds to complete the four years' course even if it required a thousand dollars. Through his influence Mr. Deater obtained a position in the college which enabled him

to pay for his board during his student days and he remained at the institution until the time of his graduation with the class of 1886, while subsequently he continued his studies there for two more years. Following his graduation he procured a position as a school teacher and in this manner finally discharged an indebtedness of between six and seven hundred dollars, which he had incurred in order that he might have a college education.

On taking up his duties as an instructor Mr. Deater first had charge of the "Sunny Slope School," which, though so unruly that two former teachers had been compelled to abandon their work, he succeeded in subduing. Having proven that he was a man of firm purpose, who knew how to enforce discipline and obedience, his services were sought as teacher in another school of this character, the Imogene, the principal of which had resigned. Subsequently he was employed by the college for a year, traveling through Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri and giving lectures on the work being done by the institution. During the fall of 1888 he taught in the Mount Hope school and in December of that year secured a position on a newspaper—the Shenandoah Sentinel, with which he remained until March, 1889. He then bought a half interest in the Blanchard Sentinel and on his return to Shenandoah in 1890 sold out the publication, of which he had become sole proprietor by the purchase of his partner's interest.

On his return to Shenandoah, through the solicitation of Mr. Marvin, he was made assistant editor of the Sentinel, acting in that capacity until the fall of 1895, when he was elected county superintendent of schools. He remained the incumbent in that position for six years or through three successive terms and on severing his connection with educational interests was made assistant editor and assistant manager of the Sentinel Publishing Company, which had just been organized and of which firm he became a member. About a year later, however, he withdrew from the concern, selling his stock to Mr. Marvin in November, 1902. He then bought the old Shenandoah Post and organized the Post Publishing Company, with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars. This paper, though the oldest in the town had been allowed to run down and Mr. Deater determined to devote his efforts and energies to its upbuilding. A new printing plant was bought and the paper was soon established on a paying basis, the first issue being sent forth on the 11th of December, 1902. Mr. Deater was made president, editor and manager of the company, thus serving until the 1st of April, 1905, when the Sentinel and the Post were consolidated under the name of the Sentinel Post. He has since been the secretary, assistant editor and assistant manager of this paper and is widely recognized as a most prominent and successful representative of journalistic interest in the county. On the 16th of December, 1905, he was appointed postmaster of Shenandoah and entered upon the duties of that office on the 5th of January, 1905, having filled the position to the present time in a highly satisfactory and efficient manner.

On the 25th of November, 1886, Mr. Deater was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie B. Spencer, of Creston, Iowa, by whom he has three children:

Earl J., a resident of New York city; Pearl O., who is employed as book-keeper in the office of the Sentinel Post; and Eton R., who is attending the Shenandoah schools.

Mr. Deater is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and is a prominent and influential factor in the local ranks of the party. He served as republican committeeman from 1903 until 1905, when he resigned to accept the postmastership and was secretary of the county committee for a number of years. Fraternally he is identified with Tricentum Lodge, No. 300, F. & A. M.; Sheshbazzar Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 1122, B. P. O. E.; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Degree of Honor. He also belongs to the Eastern Star, his wife acting as worthy matron of the lodge. Socially he is connected with the Shenandoah Commercial Club and the Boosters Club, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a steward. He has the largest private library in the county and is a member of a law class in Shenandoah. Handicapped in youth by difficulties and obstacles which would have disheartened many a man of less resolute spirit, Mr. Deater deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. By sheer force of character, strong purpose and laudable ambition he has forged ahead and commands the respect and admiration which is ever accorded those whose success has been honorably won.

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#### J. A. WOODS.

J. A. Woods, a prominent and well known citizen now living retired in Clarinda, was for many years city superintendent of schools. His birth occurred near Greenville, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of February, 1835, and his parents were of Irish and Scotch descent. He obtained his preliminary education at Kingsville Academy in northern Ohio and subsequently attended college at Marietta, Ohio. For a number of years he acted as city superintendent of schools at Clarinda and thus remained a prominent representative of educational interests in Page county until the summer of 1895. The seven succeeding years he was city superintendent of the schools of Keithsburg, Illinois. He is now living retired in Clarinda, where he owns a pleasant and commodious residence, and his landed holdings include a valuable and well improved farm of ninety acres in East River township.

On the 4th of July, 1864, at Marietta, Ohio, Mr. Woods was joined in wedlock to Miss Esther I. Hill. Their union was blessed with a son and daughter, the former being now a resident of Spokane, Washington, while the latter makes her home in Grandview, that state. Mr. Woods is now one of the elders in the First Presbyterian church at Clarinda, in which he served as Sunday-school superintendent for a number of years and for a few years acted as deacon. Fraternally he is identified with Clarinda

Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F. He has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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### ISAAC H. TAGGART.

Isaac Hazlett Taggart is a resident of Amity township, living near Braddyville, and is closely connected with the agricultural interests of the county, while at the same time he figures prominently in public affairs as a member of the county board of supervisors, of which he is now chairman. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 22d of January, 1870, his parents being William C. and Annie (Cameron) Taggart.

Isaac H. Taggart was but four years of age when his parents removed from Ohio to Iowa, the family settling in Clarinda, where they remained for five years. The father engaged in the purchase and sale of land and in loaning money and became well known in real-estate and financial circles in this part of Iowa. In 1879 he removed his family to Amity township, where he owned five hundred acres of rich and valuable land. He made judicious investments, his judgment being rarely if ever at fault in determining the value of property or of the opportunity for profitable investment. In community affairs he was also locally prominent and served as township trustee for a number of years, while his influence was no inessential feature in molding public opinion. The county lost a valued and representative citizen when in 1897 he was called to his final rest. His widow still survives and yet resides upon the home farm, which is one of the valuable properties of the county.

Mr. Taggart, whose name introduces this review, was but a young lad when the family came to Page county, where he has since made his home. He was educated in the public and district schools and afterward had the benefit of instruction in Amity College at College Springs, where he completed a course by graduation with the class of 1890. He then went on the farm with his father and they were associated in its management until the latter's death. Since then our subject and his brother William C. have had control of the farming interests of the estate. They are thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the fields; know what crops are best adapted to the soil and climate; and by their rotation keep the land in good condition. They have an interest in and handle together six hundred and thirty acres of land, all in Page county.

Mr. Taggart is a recognized leader in political circles and his course is one which reflects credit and honor upon the party and the community. He votes with the republican party and for five years filled the office of township trustee. In 1902 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors and later, in 1906, was again chosen to that office and once more, in 1908, so that when his term expires he will have filled the position

for nine years. He has been chairman of the board for the past two years and in this position his executive ability and keen discernment are made to play an important part for the benefit of the county at large.

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#### GEORGE W. HOLLIS.

A well developed and highly improved farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres lying in Valley township, nine miles from Clarinda, is the property of George W. Hollis, who has spent almost his entire life in Page county. He was born in Illinois on the 28th of January, 1853, a son of Edward and Elizabeth Hollis, the former born in Delaware, while the latter was a native of the Keystone state. Removing westward in an early day they made a location in Illinois but later lived in Indiana for a time, and eventually they made a permanent location in Page county, Iowa, the year 1855 witnessing their arrival here. The father entered land on which he built a log house, the roof being made of clapboards. The family made their home in that crude dwelling sixteen years and at the end of that time it was replaced by a more modern frame structure, while many other substantial improvements in the way of buildings were made on the farm and the fields were brought under a high state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollis reared a family of eight children but two of the number are now deceased and both the parents have also departed this life. They were numbered among the most prominent and highly respected pioneer settlers of Page county.

George W. Hollis was an infant when he was taken by his parents from his native state of Illinois to Indiana and was only two years of age at the time they located in Page county, Iowa. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one and during that time became thoroughly familiar with the various duties and tasks of the home place, so that when he started out to carry on farming on his own account he was well qualified for the responsibilities which he then assumed. He first operated a tract of land which he rented one year and at the end of that time, feeling justified in making purchase, he became the owner of forty acres in Valley township. Later he made an additional purchase of eighty acres, while at his father's death he inherited a tract of sixty-six acres, so that his landed possessions now aggregate one hundred and eighty-six acres, situated in Valley township. He formerly made quite a specialty of raising stock but at the present time is giving his attention more particularly to general farming. He is also engaged in bee culture, having seventy-four hives of bees at the present time.

Mr. Hollis established a home of his own in February, 1873, by his marriage to Miss Tabitha Hunter, who was born in Tennessee, a daughter of G. C. and Eliza Hunter. Her father is now deceased but her mother still survives and makes her home in Page county. Mrs. Hollis is one of a family of eight children. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs.

Hollis, namely: Dollie H., the wife of Orton Gray, of Page county; Charles, deceased; Albert, who makes his home in Kansas; Nora, the wife of Charles Richards, of Adams county, Iowa; Orra, also residing in Kansas; Ethel, the wife of Mr. Shum, a resident of Illinois; and Estella, the wife of William Coy, a resident of Villisca, Iowa.

Mr. Hollis gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party but has never sought nor desired public office. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are highly esteemed in the community in which they live, and as Mr. Hollis has practically spent his entire life here he is well known in business circles as a reliable and straight-forward citizen. He is also one of the most up-to-date farmers of the county and is the owner of a nice automobile, but he well remembers when oxen were used instead of automobiles. He has seen almost the entire development of this county for Indians were still sometimes seen after he located here and wolves and rattlesnakes were quite numerous. The early home of the family was a little one room log house and they lived in true pioneer style, breaking the prairie with oxen and cradling their grain by hand. In 1874 Mr. Hollis removed to his present farm and he has made all of the improvements thereon.

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#### S. M. HART.

S. M. Hart, who follows farming in Lincoln township, where one hundred and sixty acres of arable land pays tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon it, was born in Adams county, Ohio, July 9, 1839, and has therefore reached the seventieth milestone on life's journey. His parents were George and Martha Slessman Hart, the former a native of Warren county, Ohio, while the latter was born in Illinois. Both are now deceased, the mother having passed away in the state of her nativity, while the father died at College Springs, Iowa. They were the parents of ten children: Elizabeth, who married Erastus Finley, both now deceased; James and Christopher, both of whom have passed away; Mary, the deceased wife of Burr Urton; Martha, who was a twin sister of Mary and is the deceased wife of Edgar Dryden; Sarah, the deceased wife of James Patton; Kathryn, who married H. W. Monroe, of College Springs, Iowa; John H., who has departed this life; George A., who enlisted at Peoria, Illinois, August, 1862, as a member of Company C, Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry and died of typhoid fever in the fall of that year; and S. M., of this review.

In the county of his nativity S. M. Hart remained until about seven years of age, when his parents removed to Peoria county, Illinois. There he lived until 1869 and during that period attended the district schools, acquiring a fair English education. After putting aside his text-books he gave his attention to general farming but through the period of the Civil war he was at the front. He enlisted with his brother at Peoria, Illinois,

in August, 1862, becoming a member of Company C, Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry and spent two weeks in camp at Peoria. The regiment was then ordered to Louisville and traveled all over Kentucky, being engaged in various skirmishes. Later the troops proceeded by road to Vicksburg and Mr. Hart participated in the battle at that place—the first in which General Sherman was defeated. The troops afterward went to Arkansas Post and he took part in the engagement there. General John A. McClernand had command there and from that point the troops went down the river to Milliken's Bend and skirmished in that neighborhood until Grant took command. Mr. Hart was afterward in the second battle of Vicksburg and was there wounded by a minie ball in the leg and was sent to the hospital at Memphis, where he remained until able to go home. He was then granted a furlough and remained at home until January, after which he rejoined his regiment in Texas. With the command he proceeded to New Orleans and thence up the Red river with General Banks. On that campaign he was again wounded in a skirmish, being shot in the heel, and for some time was in the hospital at New Orleans, the regiment doing provost duty there throughout the winter. Later Mr. Hart participated in the battles of Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan and the battle of Mobile and was mustered out in 1864 after three years of faithful and valorous service in defense of the Union. He at once returned to Illinois, where he continued to make his home for some years.

It was in that state on the 10th of December, 1868, that Mr. Hart wedded Miss Isabelle Dunbar, a daughter of James and Martha (Cameron) Dunbar, of Peoria county, Illinois. About a year later they removed to Page county, Iowa, traveling by rail to Villisca and by wagon from that point to their destination. They brought with them a little child who had been born unto them in Illinois. Mr. Hart at once rented land near College Springs, where he lived for a year, after which he purchased eighty acres of his present farm. The greater part of it was raw land and upon it was a small shanty in which they began housekeeping. As he prospered in his undertakings, however, he added many modern improvements, including a fine residence which he erected together with substantial barns and outbuildings, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock.

In 1888 Mr. Hart was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, with whom he had traveled life's journey happily for about twenty years. She was born in Scotland and died at the age of thirty-seven. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children: Anna, the wife of Howard Coman of Lincoln township and the mother of two children, Vernon and Kathryn; Lawrence T., who is living in this county; G. F., a resident of Nebraska, who wedded Mary Glasgow and has four children, Helen, Howard, Mary Isabelle and Mildred M.; J. F., of this county, who married Lucy Brown and has one child, Esther; Viola Gertrude, who died at the age of two years; and Margaret, who is living in Page county.

Mr. Hart has always followed farming in order to provide for his family and through his indefatigable energy and unfaltering perseverance has accumulated a handsome competence. His farm is a valuable property

of one hundred and sixty acres, one-half of which lies in Lincoln township, while the other half is across the boundary line of Colfax township. In community affairs he has been very active and influential and has served as township trustee and a member of the school board. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the United Presbyterian church of College Springs. In all matters of citizenship he is as loyal to the general good as he was to the Union cause when he followed the stars and stripes on the battlefields of the south.

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#### WILSON REED.

For a long period the deeds of loyalty and bravery which were recited were those which concerned service in the Civil war but in recent years there has come a manifestation of equal fidelity and courage on the part of the younger generation and Wilson Reed is among the number who volunteered his services in the Spanish-American war. Although the regiment did not go to the front there was not a man in all the Fiftieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry who would not have gladly exchanged places with those who had the opportunity of standing on the firing line.

Mr. Reed is now conducting the Linderman Hotel at Clarinda, which he leased in 1903 and which during the intervening years he has made a popular and well patronized hostelry. He was born in Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, October 13, 1873, and after acquiring his preliminary education in the public schools he entered Parsons College at Fairfield, finishing his course there in 1895. Soon after the completion of his education he entered public service in the capacity of deputy sheriff of Jefferson county and continued in that position for six years. He was also city assessor at Fairfield for a short time but resigned preparatory to removing to Clarinda.

Mr. Reed was a member of the Iowa National Guard, being second lieutenant of Company M, Second Regiment, which was mustered into the United States service as the Fiftieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 26th of April, 1898. He remained with his regiment throughout the period of hostilities but did not go to the front and was mustered out November 30, 1898. Mr. Reed came to Clarinda in January, 1903, and leased the Linderman Hotel, which he has since conducted. He follows the most modern and progressive lines in the conduct of his work, embracing every opportunity to promote the comfort and convenience of his guests. His liberal business policy wins him success and his hostelry is now well patronized.

On the 13th of June, 1900, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Flora B. Bradley, of Fairfield, Iowa, a daughter of Joseph Bradley, a merchant of that city. They became the parents of two children: Joseph Bradley and Allen Wilson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Presbyterian church and its work and purposes are objects of interest and



cooperation to them. Mr. Reed belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias lodge and in all these organizations is popular with his brethren, who find him ever loyal to the teachings which underlie them.

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#### EDWARD B. WESTCOTT.

Edward B. Westcott, conducting a profitable and growing business as an abstractor of titles in Clarinda, is also well known through his active and helpful connection with public interests. He was at one time mayor of the city, in which connection he gave tangible proof of his loyalty to the public good by his support of various progressive movements instituted during his administration. A native of Madison, Wisconsin, Mr. Westcott was born February 11, 1867, of the marriage of Robert R. and Nancy E. (Beatty) Westcott. The father, whose birth occurred near Cedarville, New Jersey, was of English lineage. His ancestors, who settled near Cedarville, were ship owners of England and carried on the business in this country after emigrating to the new world. At the time of the Civil war they espoused the cause of the colonies and gave loyal aid to the American army in the struggle for independence. Robert R. Westcott was liberally educated, completing a course in Princeton College, at New Jersey, after which he became a minister of the Presbyterian church and devoted his life to that holy calling. He passed away in 1897 and is still survived by his wife who is now living in Los Angeles, California, at the age of sixty-eight years. She was born near Greenfield, Ohio, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. She, too, is of the Presbyterian faith and was of great assistance to her husband in his church work.

Edward B. Westcott is the eldest of a family of five children and was educated in the public schools of Clarinda and in the Shenandoah Academy. He afterward entered the abstract business in connection with his father and has been so engaged up to the present time with the exception of a few brief intervals. He has also done an extensive business in negotiating loans and in handling real estate and now buys and sells for himself. In addition to property which he owns in Clarinda and in this part of the state, he is likewise the owner of a flat building in Kansas City. He has closely watched the real-estate market and his understanding of property values and his sagacity in foreseeing possible rise or diminution in prices has brought him a substantial and gratifying measure of success.

In 1894 Mr. Westcott was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Butler, a daughter of Jacob and Martha Butler. Mrs. Westcott was born in Clarinda and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Martha, who was born in 1897 and is now attending school. Mr. Westcott holds membership in the Episcopal church, while his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church. His political views are in accord with the platform of the republican party, to which he gives stalwart support, being recognized as

one of the local leaders of the organization in Clarinda. He has served as a member of the city council and that body appointed him mayor of the city, in which position he afterward served for one term by election from 1907 until 1909. His course was characterized by unfaltering devotion to all that he believed to be best for the municipality and he accomplished much good work for the city. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and its various auxiliary bodies, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows society and other fraternities. His record has at all times been that of a progressive citizen and representative business man, while his social qualities have made him widely and favorably known in this part of the state.

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### PROFESSOR H. E. WHEELER.

Professor H. E. Wheeler, city superintendent of schools of Shenandoah, widely recognized as a prominent representative of public education in the state, was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on the 2d of March, 1863, and is a son of Thomas J. and Antoinette (Proctor) Wheeler, both of whom were natives of eastern Massachusetts, and representatives of old New England families. The father was reared to manhood in his native state where he learned the trade of machinist and stationary engineer, being thus employed in the city of Lowell, Massachusetts, until 1856 when he sought a home in Iowa, settling first in Mitchell county. He secured land at what was known as the land sale held at the county seat, Osage. Three years later he returned to the east where he remained until 1863 when he again came west and made a permanent location in Mitchell county, Iowa, where he yet makes his home. His time and energies were for many years given to general agricultural pursuits but now at the age of seventy-four years he is living a retired life, his son-in-law operating the farm. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Augusta A. Proctor, by whom he had one child, Lizzie A., now the wife of S. H. Crittenden, who is operating her father's farm. After the death of his first wife Mr. Wheeler wedded her sister, Miss Antoinette Proctor, and unto them were born three children, of whom the eldest died in infancy, the others being Professor H. E. Wheeler, of this review, and Inez, now the wife of Edgar Chamberlain, a farmer of Mitchell county, Iowa.

Professor Wheeler was reared under the parental roof and is indebted to the district schools for his early educational opportunities. At eighteen years of age he entered the Decorah Institute at Decorah, Iowa, and in the winter of 1882-3 and of 1883-4 he taught in the institute, while during the succeeding winter he taught in the schools at Concord, the county seat of Hancock county, Iowa. During the succeeding three years he attended the State Normal School, now the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1888. In the fall of 1888 he began teaching at Cambridge, Iowa, as principal of the schools there and remained in this position for two years. He was then called to

Logan, the county seat of Harrison county, where he served as principal of the schools for six years, after which he was offered and accepted the principalship of the Sidney, (Ia.) schools, remaining at that place for four years. He was next located at Clarinda, where he engaged as principal for three years and then came to Shenandoah in June, 1903, to take charge of the schools in this city. Here he has since remained and his earnest and effective labors have brought the Shenandoah schools up to a standard second to none in the state. His educational work covers a period of twenty-four years and he is one of Iowa's best known educators connected with the work of public instruction. During these years he also taught in thirty-five county institutions and he served as president of the Southwestern Iowa Teachers Association in 1903.

In August, 1890, Professor Wheeler was married to Miss Jennie Hughey, of Bellevue, Iowa, and they have one child, Hughey H. They are prominent in school circles where intelligence is regarded as a necessary attribute to congeniality and agreeableness and the hospitality of their own home is cordially extended to their many friends. Professor Wheeler is also well known in fraternal relations, holding membership with the local lodges of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit which underlies these organizations and at all times he stands for progressive and public-spirited citizenship. His life has been given to study, research and to educational work and the augmenting of his own intellectual strength constantly promotes his efficiency in his chosen profession.

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#### SAMUEL J. McCORD.

Samuel J. McCord, who is identified with the trade interests of Clarinda as a painter and decorator, has also been active in the public affairs of the community. Born in New York city, he came to Page county, Iowa, in 1877, and was reared in Essex, acquiring his education in the public schools of that town. After laying aside his text-books, he was identified with farming interests for five years and then, thinking that other pursuits might prove more congenial and profitable, he learned the painter's and decorator's trade, which he continued to follow in Essex until 1904. In that year he was elected sheriff of Page county and took up his residence in Clarinda, where he has since resided. In the meantime he was reelected sheriff in 1906 and again in 1908, and was carried over one year, making his term of service cover seven years. During his residence in Essex he served as constable of that town for ten or twelve years and also acted in the capacity of mail carrier on a rural route for a year and a half, being compelled to give up active work at his trade on account of ill health. He has at all times performed his duties with promptness and faithfulness and his public service has been of the highest order, reflecting credit not only upon himself but upon his constituents as well.

On the 13th of January, 1886, Mr. McCord was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Jones, of Essex, Iowa, a daughter of G. R. Jones, a retired farmer of Waitsburg, Washington. Unto this union have been born five children: J. Lloyd, a plumber of Clarinda, Iowa; Glenn, Goldie Fern, Clarence and Samuel Robert, all at home. The eldest son was educated in the schools of Essex, while Glenn and Goldie Fern are pupils of the Clarinda schools.

Mr. McCord is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. In business dealings he has always been honorable and upright in his relations to his fellowmen, while in his public life he has made an excellent official, and he has ever shown himself fully worthy the confidence and trust which are uniformly given him.

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#### MORTIMER CULVER.

General agricultural pursuits claim the attention of Mortimer Culver, who is now the owner of a productive and well improved farm of eighty acres on section 11, Amity township. He was born in Chemung county, New York, on the 12th of June, 1867, his parents being Samuel N. and Mary (Ross) Culver, both of whom were natives of Schuyler county, New York. In 1880 the father took up his abode in Pawnee county, Kansas, there purchasing a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he subsequently traded for a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Amity township, Page county, Iowa. He disposed of that farm, however, after coming to this county in 1900 and purchased city property in Braddyville. Twelve years ago, while working in the field, he was stricken with paralysis, suffered a second stroke two years later and is now a confirmed invalid. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party, in the work of which he is most deeply interested. It was in 1863 that he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ross, a daughter of James and Cynthia (Baskins) Ross, of Schuyler county, New York. Both Mr. and Mrs. Culver still survive and have now traveled life's journey together for almost a half century, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years have passed by. They make their home in Braddyville and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character. Mortimer Culver of this review has a twin sister, Mrs. Maude Case, who is now a resident of Grant City, Missouri.

In his youthful days Mortimer Culver gave his father the benefit of his services in the cultivation of the home farm and also attended the district schools until seventeen years of age. He then entered the Larned College at Larned, Kansas, and was graduated from that institution in 1886 when he had completed the commercial course. Subsequently he spent two years at home and then went to Great Bend, Kansas, where he secured a posi-

tion as clerk in a large retail store. In 1889 he came with his parents to Page county, Iowa, locating on a farm east of College Springs, where he remained until the time of his marriage in August, 1893. He was afterward engaged in the operation of a rented farm for one year and then bought forty acres of land on section 12, Amity township, this county, successfully continuing its cultivation until the spring of 1900. At that time he disposed of the property and purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 11, Amity township, to the development and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and energies. The well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor that is bestowed upon them, and Mr. Culver has gained favorable recognition as a progressive and enterprising agriculturist of the community.

On the 24th of August, 1893, Mr. Culver was united in marriage to Miss Effie R. White, whose birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1866, her parents being Samuel and Harriet (Luellen) White, who are likewise natives of that county. In 1871 they came to Page county, Iowa, locating on a farm south of Shambaugh, where they continued to reside until about 1903, since which time they have made their home at College Springs. Mrs. Culver was a little child of five years when she was brought to this county by her parents.

Mr. Culver is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the republican party and is now serving for the sixth term as the capable incumbent in the office of constable of Amity township. Both he and his wife are prominent and helpful members of the United Presbyterian church at College Springs, doing everything in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. They are widely and favorably known throughout the county in which they have now long resided, occupying an enviable position in social circles as the result of the possession of qualities which win kindly regard and sincere friendship.

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### JOSEPH C. JOURNEY.

Joseph C. Journey, of Shambaugh, is an honored veteran of the Civil war and one of the old-time residents of Page County, where he has lived continuously for forty years. Through much of this period he was closely, actively and successfully associated with agricultural interests but is now living retired, having divided his land among his children. He has passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Perry county, Ohio, September 21, 1833. His parents were John A. and Anna (Harkins) Journey, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. Both had been previously married and Mrs. Journey had one son by her first husband—Benoni Brown, while Mr. Journey had two sons by his first wife. The children of John A. and Anna (Harkins) Journey numbered five sons and two daughters.

Joseph C. Journey spent the first sixteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Jay county, Indiana, in 1849. There the family lived until 1854, during which period Joseph C. Journey learned the plasterer's trade. He also learned the trade of shoemaking during the winter months, after which he traveled around and worked in different places as a journeyman, devoting his time largely to plastering. Going to Mercer county, Ohio, he was there married, after which he returned to Portland, Indiana, where he worked at his trades until 1861. After that year he removed to Sterling, Whiteside county, Illinois, and there resided during the early period of the Civil war but on the 7th of August, 1862, feeling that his first duty was to his country he enlisted as a member of Company D, Seventy-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry under command of Captain McMoore. He thus served for three years and was honorably discharged on the 12th of June, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee. While at the front he was attacked by a disease of the hip joint and was sent to the rear. After being treated in the hospital for a time he did guard duty but was permanently disabled by his military experiences. He took part in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Lancaster and other engagements and when the war was over returned to Mercer county, Ohio. There he resided until 1869, which year witnessed his arrival in Page county, Iowa, where he has since made his home. He had one hundred and forty acres of land in Buchanan and East River townships and for almost forty years successfully carried on general farming, during which time his well directed labors, careful expenditure and business ability brought to him a comfortable competence. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his farm in October, 1908, dividing the land among his children. He now lives retired in Shambaugh and is pleasantly situated, his income being sufficient to supply him with all of the necessities and many of the comforts of life.

In 1854 Mr. Journey was married to Miss Samara Keyser, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, but was reared in Mercer county, that state, spending her girlhood days in the home of her father, Jesse Keyser. In 1869 she accompanied her husband on the removal to this county, where she died October 22, 1878. The children of that marriage were five in number: Martha Ann, now the wife of John D. Couch, of Phillipsburg, Kansas; Benoni B., a farmer residing in Shambaugh; Viola, the wife of A. W. Good, of Curtis, Nebraska; Pearl, the wife of James Stewart, of Clarinda; and Jesse F., who was drowned.

Politically Mr. Journey has long been a stanch republican, joining the party on its organization and never faltering in his allegiance thereto. He has filled some minor positions but has always preferred to leave office holding to others. He has been a Mason since 1868, at which time he was initiated into the order in Salina, Ohio, and he is now a member of Nodaway Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., of Clarinda. While not identified with any church, he has been a close student of the Bible for forty years and his life has been in strict conformity to its moral teachings. He has always endeavored to do unto others as he would have them do unto him,

is just and fair in business, kindly and considerate in manner. Those who know him esteem him for his genuine worth and he has a wide acquaintance in the county where he has now lived for four decades.

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#### MRS. ANNA TAYLOR.

Mrs. Anna Taylor, now well known as the proprietor of the Henshaw House of Clarinda, was born in Erie county, New York, January 7, 1853, her parents being Oscar F. and Clara M. (Brown) Henshaw, natives of St. Lawrence county, New York, and Erie county, New York, respectively. The ancestry of the family is traced back to a very early day. In the year 1844 a member of the family obtained from the Herald's College at London a pedigree of the family and progenitors. It was signed by G. W. Collen, Pursuivant at arms of the Herald's College, London, and commences with Henry III, king of England, whose son Edward I succeeded him to the throne. Then followed Edward II and Edward III, whose fourth son, John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, had a daughter who married the earl of Westmoreland, Ralph Neville. Their son Richard Neville married the countess of Salisbury and took her title. Their daughter Elanor Neville, sister of the great earl of Warwick, the king maker so called, married Sir Thomas Stanley, afterward created earl of Derby. His second wife was Margaret of Lancaster, duchess of Richmond and mother of Henry VII, king of England. Thomas Stanley's son was held hostage for the fidelity of his father by Richard III who was killed in the battle of Bosworth and Henry of Richmond was proclaimed, on the battlefield by his father-in-law, Sir Thomas Stanley, as Henry VII. George Stanley died before his father. He left two sons: Thomas, who succeeded his grandfather as second earl of Derby; and James who was created a baronet and lived at Crosshall, county of Lancashire, England. He had four sons but the three eldest died without issue. Henry, the youngest, succeeded to and inherited the large estate of his father. He married Margaret, daughter of Peter Stanley, of Rickerstaff. Henry Stanley had seven sons and daughters. His daughter Margaret Stanley was married in 1595 to Richard Houghton of Wavertree Hall near Liverpool. They had an only son and seven daughters. His son, Evan Houghton, was his heir and married Ellen Parker of Bridge Hall, in the county of Lancashire. They had a daughter, an only child named Catherine, who became the wife of William Henshaw, son of Thomas Henshaw of Paxteth Park, near Liverpool and they lived with her father at Wavertree Hall. William Henshaw and his father-in-law Evan Houghton were both killed June 20, 1644, at the storming of Liverpool by Prince Rupert. They were fighting on the side of parliament and against King Charles I. William Henshaw died leaving two sons, Joshua, aged about nine years and David, about eighteen months old. In 1653 the executor of the estate pretended to send these boys to London to attend school and reported afterward that they both died of plague. In reality he had sent them

to New England and placed them in the family of Rev. Richard Mather, an eminent divine of Dorchester, who educated them with money forwarded for that purpose. Their property to a large amount was appropriated by the executor to his own use or rather that part which came from the Houghton family. That part which came from Henry Stanley by marriage settlement upon his daughter Margaret probably went back into the family of Stanley.

The executor of William Henshaw's estate was Peter Ambrose, a man much employed by the parliamentary sequestrating committee, from 1644 until 1650. The youngest of the abducted boys died without issue. The elder, Joshua, married Elizabeth Sumner of Massachusetts, daughter of William Sumner of Dorchester. After arriving at the age of forty years or more he returned to England and prosecuted his claim for the recovery of his property for many years and finally died in London in 1719.

His son, Joshua, born about 1670, was a distiller and merchant of Boston and had seven sons. He died in 1747 and his wife Mary (Webster) Henshaw died the same year. His sons were Daniel, born in 1701; Joshua, born in 1703; Samuel; James; William; John; and Thomas. Of this family Daniel Henshaw was a distiller and lived in Boston where all of his children were born. The year after his father died he removed to Leicester, of which place his father had been one of the four original proprietors. Joshua Henshaw was a very wealthy merchant of Boston and died in 1776. He was for many years the first magistrate of the city, a member of the governor's council and an intimate associate and coworker with Otis Hancock and Samuel and John Adams in promoting the resolution which led to the outbreak of the Revolutionary war.

Daniel Henshaw, before spoken of, died at Leicester in 1781. He left children as follows: Daniel, unmarried; Joseph, who married a daughter of Joshua Henshaw, who died in Shrewsbury, Wooster county, in 1795; Benjamin, who settled in Middletown, Connecticut, and died about 1788; Joshua, who settled at Middletown, Connecticut; William, a colonel of the Revolutionary war, who was at the battle of Long Island and commanded the regiment under Washington at the battle of Princeton. He died at Leicester in 1820 at the age of eighty-five years.

David Henshaw, the younger son of Daniel Henshaw, died at Leicester in 1808, aged sixty-four years. He was captain of a company of artillery in the Army of the Revolution and was in the service about three years. Daniel Henshaw also left three daughters: Elizabeth, wife of Colonel Samuel Deering; Mary Belcher, wife of Amos Wheeler; and Hannah, wife of John Jap. Elizabeth and Mary Belcher settled at Leicester where lived many of their descendants, while Hannah Henshaw removed to western New York and left a family of sons and daughters.

The coat-of-arms of the Henshaw family consisted of a hen with a brood of chickens in a grain field, probably representing a numerous family with surroundings of plenty.

The Henshaw family have made creditable records in connection with various wars of the country. William Henshaw, whose commission as an



officer of the American army is still in existence, lived in New Milford, Litchfield county, Connecticut, and there still exists a receipt for the payment of money made in William Henshaw's hand writing and dated New Milford, Connecticut, December 28, 1781. William Henshaw was a lieutenant in the Second Connecticut Regiment as stated in the original commission. The commission reads:

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

*"To William Henshaw,*

"Gentleman—We, reposing a special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, conduct and fidelity, do by these presents, constitute and appoint you to a lieutenant in the Second Connecticut Regiment in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the 20th day of July, 1780. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a lieutenant, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging and we do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders as lieutenant, and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from this or a future congress of the United States or committee of congress for that purpose appointed, a committee of the states or commander-in-chief for the time of the Army of the United States or any other of your superior officers according to the rules and discipline of war, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future congress, a committee of congress before mentioned or a committee of the states."

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Taylor was John Brace Henshaw, who was born September 2, 1803. He conducted a wagon-making shop in West Falls, New York, for a number of years. His wife, Cynthia Henshaw, was born January 7, 1807. Their children were: Oscar F., who was born April 24, 1826; William, who was born July 30, 1828, and died June 11, 1860; Abigail, who was born December 25, 1830, and died April 17, 1835; Laura Ann, who was born June 13, 1833; Theodore, who was born July 15, 1835, and died June 11, 1860; Benjamin, who was born November 26, 1838, and died February 2, 1854; Edwin, born February 26, 1840; Henry, who was born September 3, 1842, and died January 4, 1885; George, who was born March 28, 1845, and died July 3, 1870; and Cordelia C., born August 16, 1847.

Of this family Oscar F. Henshaw, the eldest, was the father of Mrs. Taylor. He succeeded his father as the owner of the wagonmaking enterprise at West Falls, New York, where he conducted business for a number of years. He there made his home until after his marriage but when his eldest child, Mrs. Taylor, was but three years of age, removed with his family from the Empire state to Adams county, Iowa, the journey being made from Buffalo to Chicago on the lakes and by rail from the latter point to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and thence by wagon to Adams county. Oscar F. Henshaw purchased land in Taylor county, becoming owner of an unimproved tract of two hundred acres which he at once began to cultivate and develop. He lived there for ten years. The family

were first domiciled in the home of a neighbor until the house could be made ready for their occupancy. They also used their neighbor's stove and both boiled potatoes in the same pot, one family cutting the ends off the tubers to distinguish them from the potatoes of the other family. At length Mr. Henshaw sold his farm and removed to Bedford, the county seat of Taylor county, where he engaged in the wagon-making business. He had lived there for three years when he sold out and in February, 1866, first came to Clarinda. He was afterward employed by D. C. Chamberlain as wood-worker and wagon-maker, with whom he continued for about nine years. Before entering Mr. Chamberlain's employ, however, he would at the beginning of each week walk twenty-two miles to his work, returning in the same way at the week's end, and he walked seventy-five miles to Council Bluffs to pay his taxes. After leaving the employ of Mr. Chamberlain he engaged in carriage and interior fine painting. Much of his work still stands as evidence of his skill. He continued in that line until he turned his attention to the hotel business, establishing the Henshaw House in 1881. It at first had but six boarders but the patronage continually increased and the Henshaw House is today one of the leading hostleries of Page county. The death of Oscar F. Henshaw occurred November 9, 1907, when he had reached the very venerable age of eighty-one years and his wife, Mrs. Clarissa M. Henshaw, who was born January 20, 1831, passed away in September, 1901. They were the parents of the following named: Anna M.; Hattie E., who was born November 15, 1855, and died September 24, 1859; Beattie J., who was born January 10, 1857, and died on the 17th of September of the same year; Horace S., born July 13, 1859; Hoyt B., who was born September 1, 1861, and died December 6, 1866; Henry C., who was born March 2, 1864, and died on the 27th of August, following; Annetta, born November 2, 1866; Eva M., who was born April 27, 1870, and died April 5, 1871; Effie L., the twin sister of Eva, who died March 5, 1871; and Edwin M., who was born May 1, 1872, and died January 21, 1872.

As previously stated Mrs. Taylor was only three years of age when the family came to Iowa and in the district schools of Taylor county she pursued her education, while later she continued her studies in the public schools of Clarinda. She has been married twice. On Christmas day of 1869 she became the wife of Emery Dunn, of Clarinda, a native of Indiana, and unto them were born three children: Ada, who was born October 12, 1870, and died October 30, 1872; Della, who was born December 20, 1873, and is the wife of Gilbert A. Boyer, then of Falls City, Nebraska, but now a business man of Clarinda; and Mabel, who was born August 23, 1875, and died August 11, 1876. After the death of Mr. Dunn his widow became the wife of G. W. Taylor, a native of Ohio, who is engaged in evangelistic work for the Methodist church. This marriage was celebrated in 1890. Mrs. Taylor also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and both are earnest advocates of the cause of temperance, Mr. Taylor giving his political support to the prohibition party. After the death of Mrs. Taylor's mother the Henshaw Hotel was sold to G. W. Koons who conducted it until Mrs. Taylor assumed charge in 1905, since which time she has been

the proprietor. It is located on Lincoln avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets in Clarinda, has fifty-four guest chambers and two dining rooms accommodating altogether about one hundred and thirty guests. The hotel is a popular resort with the traveling public and the patronage enjoyed is very extensive.

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#### WILLIAM ANNAN.

William Annan is leading a busy and useful life in the cultivation and improvement of three hundred and seventy-two acres of land in Harlan township. His home is situated on section 22 and his place is a well improved property. Here he is extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of stock and the success which he has achieved in this business enables him to speak authoritatively concerning the best methods to be followed in stock-raising ventures.

Mr. Annan is one of Page county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Nodaway township on the 23d of April, 1869. His parents, John and Sophia (Myers) Annan, are now residents of Clarinda. They have a family of four children: Lewis and Henry, both of whom are mentioned elsewhere in this volume; George, who is living in Nodaway township; and William.

Upon the old homestead farm in Nodaway township William Annan remained up to the time of his marriage and his boyhood days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads who divide their time between the duties of the fields, the work of the schoolroom, and in such sports as farm boys usually indulge. With a sense of increasing responsibility as he advanced in years he looked over the field of business but no line of activity proved more attractive to him than that to which he had been reared and at the time of his marriage he rented his grandfather's farm near the home place and continued its cultivation for nine years. He then came to his present home and is now successfully conducting three hundred and thirty-two acres belonging to his father and forty acres belonging to himself. This property is located on section 22, Harlan township, and is well improved with good buildings which were erected by Mr. Annan. He has large barns and outbuildings for the shelter of stock and grain and farm machinery, and he makes a specialty of breeding and raising full-blooded, English Shire horses and shorthorn cattle. In the winter of 1908-09 he sold a pair of mares for one thousand dollars. He now has upon his place twenty head of horses and fourteen head of thoroughbred cows, and in addition he is feeding twenty-three head of cattle. His is particularly a stock-farm and all the grain he raises is fed to his stock while in addition he has expended six thousand dollars in a single winter for feed for his live stock. He belongs to the American-English Shire Horse Association and has thoroughly informed himself concerning the best methods of raising and caring for stock, so that his opinions are largely received as authority in this community.

On the 10th of December, 1888, Mr. Annan was married to Miss Florence M. Edmonds, who was born in Nodaway township, December 23, 1868, and is a daughter of Thomas A. and Sarah (Wallace) Edmonds. The father now resides in Nodaway township but the mother died at the age of thirty-eight years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Annan have been born two children: Eva May, the wife of J. P. Blair, who resides on a neighboring farm; and Boyd, fourteen years of age. Mr. Annan gives his political allegiance to the democracy and in his fraternal relations he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Yeomen of Clarinda. Having always lived in this county he has a wide acquaintance and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication of an honorable, upright life and of well directed business activity.

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#### GEORGE LEANDER DUNN.

George Leander Dunn, who owns and operates a farm of two hundred and twenty acres on section 25, Valley township, is one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of this vicinity. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 20, 1845, a son of Nathan and Lidy (Orme) Dunn, natives of Belmont county, Ohio, and Maryland, respectively. The father arrived in Page county, Iowa, in the year 1860 and here purchased land, upon which he resided until his death. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Dunn were six children who are yet living, namely: Samuel, residing in Montgomery county, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Jesse Swallow, of Valley township; J. W., making his home in Taylor county; H. M., a resident of Kansas; Nathan, of Colorado; and George Leander of this review. Jesse O., Charles and Oscar are deceased.

George Leander Dunn attended the common schools of his native state in the acquirement of a good education and when about fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa and he has since continued to make his home in Page county with the exception of a short time. He assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-one years of age when he entered business on his own account. Wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared he obtained employment as a farm hand, in which capacity he remained for two years. In the meantime he was ambitious to own a farm and consequently carefully saved his earnings until he had accumulated sufficient money with which to purchase eighty acres. This tract formed the nucleus of his present farm. He at once bent his energies toward the further improvement and development of the place. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and as he gathered good harvests, for which he found a ready sale on the market and his financial resources were thus increased, he added to his farm from time to time until he now owns two hundred and twenty acres, all situated on section 25, Valley township. He is up-to-date and

progressive in his methods and through his close application and untiring industry he is making fine progress on the highway to success and prosperity.

On the 18th of December, 1867, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Gillett, who was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and is a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Freeland) Gillett, both of whom are now dead. Her father came to Page county in 1864 and she arrived here the following year. She was one of a family of five children, the others being: Charles M., who was a soldier in the Civil war and died in Libby prison; Eunice, also deceased; Alvin, who was a member of the Sixty-fourth New York regiment and died in the service; and Melvin, who belonged to the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth New York Infantry and came west with his sister, Mrs. Dunn, his death occurring here. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are: Elma, formerly the wife of William Castell, residing in Osceola, Iowa; George A.; Frederick, who is deceased; Charles M., at home; and Jeanette and James, who have both passed away.

It was in the spring of 1868 that Mr. Dunn located upon his present farm which he had purchased the previous year. At that time this was all wild prairie and his first home was a small, one-room house in which the family lived in true pioneer style. In breaking his land he used four yoke of cattle and he underwent many of the hardships of life on the frontier. There were a great many rattlesnakes in this region when he located here and some deer, while prairie chickens were to be seen by the thousand. He has made all of the improvements upon his place. Mr. Dunn and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while he affiliates with the republican party. He has served as justice of the peace and was also a member of the school board for several years. He is interested in all matters pertaining to the general welfare and does all in his power to further the growth and upbuilding of the community. Since his arrival in Page county he has gained a large circle of friends, who entertain for him high regard and esteem.

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#### L. D. STEPHENS.

L. D. Stephens, who is engaged in the plumbing business in Shenandoah as the junior partner of the firm of Cardwell & Stephens, owning a half interest in the business, was born in Blackford, Kentucky, October 15, 1888, and is a son of Richard and Nancy (Brown) Stephens, who were also natives of Kentucky. The father is engaged in the real-estate business while the mother now resides with her son in Shenandoah.

Mr. Stephens of this review was reared in Blackford to the age of ten years and during that period attended the public schools. He then went to St. Louis with his mother but after a month spent there they went to Evansville, Indiana, where they continued for fifteen months. On the expiration of that period they came to Shenandoah and Mr. Stephens here had the benefit of instruction in the grammar and high schools of this city. He left

school in 1905 and became assistant to J. J. Cardwell, a plumber, in whose service he had previously been employed during the periods of vacation. He had thus learned the trade and after putting aside his text-books he turned his attention to plumbing as an employe of Mr. Cardwell. He spent the summer of 1907 at his old home in Kentucky but in the fall returned to Shenandoah and again entered the employ of Mr. Cardwell as a journeyman. On the 17th of February, 1909, he was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of Cardwell & Stephens and this relation is now maintained. They are enjoying a good business and their trade is constantly increasing because of their excellent workmanship and their earnest desire to please their patrons.

Mr. Stephens is an excellent young business man, progressive and enterprising, who readily adapts himself to every situation and makes the best use of his opportunities. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and, while he does not seek nor desire office, he yet keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day.

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#### CHARLES S. HOBSON.

Charles S. Hobson, one of the forceful men in business circles in Clarinda, controlling important financial, real-estate and agricultural interests, was born in Henry county, Iowa, on the 19th of January, 1867, and is a son of Calvin and Lydia (Brown) Hobson. The father was a merchant, who in the spring of 1881 removed with his family from Henry county to Clarinda and here opened a confectionery store, which he conducted for some time, becoming one of the representative merchants of the city.

In the public schools of Hamburg, Iowa, Charles S. Hobson began his education, which he continued after the removal to Clarinda, being at that time fourteen years of age. He made his initial step in the business world by acting as a clerk in his father's confectionery store and there gained practical, broad and valuable knowledge of business methods. In 1899 he opened a store on his own account but in the meantime had traveled for two years as a salesman, and from this experience had learned valuable lessons. It is characteristic of Mr. Hobson that he makes each experience in his life count as a gain, broadening his knowledge and bringing him a clearer vision of the opportunities for success and the demands which are made on him who would attain prosperity. For seven years he conducted his store, enjoying during that period a constantly growing and gratifying trade, but in 1906 he sold out and began buying and selling land. He has since dealt quite extensively in real estate and also handles merchandise stocks. In both branches of his business he displays keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise and he is also identified with agricultural interests as a farmer and stock raiser, owning valuable farm property in this county, which is well stocked. He has residence properties and business houses in Clarinda and from their rental derives a substantial annual income.

Mr. Hobson was married to Miss Nora Hudson, of Clarinda, a native of Indiana, who was formerly a teacher in the public schools and is a lady of liberal education and broad culture. She is a daughter of J. E. Hudson, a painter and decorator of Clarinda. The marriage was celebrated May 18, 1893, and has been blessed with four children: Iola M., Lucile Katherine, Sarah Maramac and Joetta, all of whom are in school. The family is prominent socially in the community, having many friends in Clarinda, where Mr. Hobson has now made his home for twenty-eight years. Fraternally he is a Mason, connected with the blue lodge and the Eastern Star, and he also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias. In April, 1909, he was elected to the office of city councilman from the first ward. He has always been an earnest and effective worker for a better and greater Clarinda, and is identified with that movement toward higher politics, which is common to both parties and which constitutes the most hopeful political sign of the period. His own party fealty is not grounded on partisan prejudice but is the result of his close study of the great issues which divide the two political organizations. He has ever felt a hearty concern for the public welfare and belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered and directed in those channels through which flows the greatest good to the greatest number.

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#### GEORGE W. MOORE.

It is seldom that the news of death causes such uniform regret as was felt in Pierce township when it was announced that the life record of George W. Moore was ended. This could only be said of a man whose many good qualities and sterling worth, whose genial manner and kindly disposition had made him popular. He was for a number of years closely identified with the agricultural interests of the community and his salient traits constituted a most commendable feature in his successful career. He is also deserving of special mention in this volume from the fact that he was numbered among the honored veterans of the Civil war, serving throughout the entire period of hostilities and by his bravery and courage he won a most enviable military record.

One of Ireland's native sons, he was born in County Monaghan, November 12, 1836, a son of John and Jane (Ross) Moore, who were also born in that country. The parents came to the United States in 1846, the family residence being established in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where the father became identified with agricultural interests. In their family were eight sons, five of whom took part in the Civil war, one of them, Josiah, passing away at Springfield from the effects of typhoid fever during his term of service. The other sons, William, Robert, Charles, Samuel, Thomas, George W. and James, lived to a ripe old age, all of them still surviving when the youngest had reached his sixtieth year.

On the Illinois homestead George W. Moore was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools and at Westminster College, Westminster, Pennsylvania. After leaving school he took up the occupation of teaching and was thus engaged at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. Putting aside all personal matters, at the first call for troops he organized a company in Jo Daviess county and entered service as a private in this company, which became Company I, Ninety-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Shortly afterward, however, he was commissioned second lieutenant and later made first lieutenant of his company, while still later he was appointed quartermaster sergeant of his regiment, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. In the meantime he saw much active service and participated in many hotly contested battles, and at the battle of Lookout Mountain he was wounded. After his recovery he was sent home as recruiting officer and when hostilities ceased received an honorable discharge, returning home with an excellent record for valor and bravery.

Mr. Moore was then engaged as a traveling salesman for a woolen mill at Hanover for some time and in 1867 he came to Page county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm near Nyman in Fremont township, upon which he resided for about seven years. At the expiration of that period he sold the place and purchased the farm upon which his widow now resides, located in section 15, Pierce township. At the time of the purchase it consisted of two hundred and forty acres, while later he added another tract of one hundred and twenty acres, the farm now comprising three hundred and eighty acres. Upon this place he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 27th of May, 1901. During the intervening years he had directed his efforts to general farming, had brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, and today the place is one of the valuable and attractive farming properties of that part of the county. In his business he combined industry, thrift and enterprise with good management and close application, with the result that at the time of his demise he was ranked among the foremost agriculturists of Page county, his well directed efforts having brought to him a most gratifying measure of prosperity.

Mr. Moore was married on the 25th of November, 1875, to Miss Harriet J. Price, a daughter of William F. and Lydia A. (Smith) Price. Her father, William F. Price, a minister of the Methodist Protestant church, came to Iowa from West Virginia, locating in Newton, where he resided for a few years. Later he went to Red Oak, being one of the ministers who organized the Methodist Protestant conference in Iowa and built the first church in Montgomery county. He was a man of broad and progressive ideas, active and earnest in his Christian work, and for forty-four years filled a pulpit in the Methodist Protestant church, during which period his efforts were potent factors for good in the community in which he resided. He passed away in Montgomery county, March 27, 1894. His father, Argelon Price, was originally a slaveholder in Maryland but later became an abolitionist and freed all of his bondsmen. He thereby incurred the ill will of many of his neighbors and his relatives, being the only one



of the Price family who espoused the cause of the negro. Subsequently he removed to West Virginia where he passed away just at the beginning of the Civil war.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Moore was blessed with six children, namely: Samuel R., deceased; William F., operating the home farm; James C., working the north farm; Thomas H., residing at home; Georgia, who married Charles J. Bengtson, of Pierce township; and Alice J., who is also under the parental roof. Mrs. Moore is a member of the United Presbyterian church and is a lady of culture and refinement, who is held in high esteem and regard throughout the community. She also possesses excellent executive ability, having capably and successfully managed the estate since the death of her husband.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Moore was a member of the Masonic order and passed through the degrees of the chapter. In politics he gave stalwart allegiance to the republican party and was an active and influential figure in the party councils. He served for about twenty years in the office of township trustee and for some seventeen years was a member of the school board. He was also appointed to fill an unexpired term on the board of county supervisors and was later twice regularly elected to that office, serving altogether about seven and a half years. Although born across the waters, Mr. Moore was ever loyal to the interests of his adopted country and at all times remained in matters of citizenship as faithful to the Stars and Stripes as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. He had become widely known during his residence in Page county and the news of his death brought with it a feeling of sadness and regret to a large circle of friends, with whom he had been very popular and by whom his memory is still cherished.

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#### NELS CHRISTIANSON.

Nels Christianson, who is operating a farm of four hundred acres on shares, the place being located in Washington township, Page county, is numbered among the thrifty and enterprising farmers which Norway has sent to the United States. His birth occurred in Norway, on the 22d of July, 1878, and he is a son of Olson and Kuren Christianson. The father was twice married, his first union being with Miss Ingeberg Christianson, and to this union were born two children, Ole and Andrew, while by his second wife he had five sons, Nels, Olaf, Karl, Anton and Isaac.

In the common schools of Norway Nels Christianson acquired his education, and he remained under the parental roof until fifteen years of age, when he started out as a sailor, and during the three years he spent upon the sea he was on several different ships and visited many foreign countries. He did not like the life of a sailor, however, well enough to follow it. Heeding the call of the new world, he came alone to the United States at the age of twenty, thinking to find in this country better business oppor-

tunities than could be offered in his native land. He first settled at Fairfax, Missouri, and later went to Tarkio, that state, while the year 1904 witnessed his arrival in Page county, Iowa, locating upon the farm in the operation of which he is now engaged. It consists of four hundred acres of rich farming land owned by W. A. Rankin and W. F. Durham, while Mr. Christianson is working it on shares. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods, studies modern ways of cultivating the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, and is meeting with most gratifying success in his business venture. He gives special attention to the feeding of cattle and the raising of hogs, feeding all of the grain raised upon the farm to his stock.

On the 24th of August, 1905, Mr. Christianson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hipsley, a daughter of John and Ella (Caldwell) Hipsley, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Ohio. Her parents came to Iowa about 1874, where both are still residing, and they have become the parents of the following children: Lewis G.; Cora May, the wife of W. A. Priest; Mrs. Christianson; Dollie Effie, who married Ray Alexander; Edward E.; Alexander; and William J., who passed away in early life.

In his religious faith Mr. Christianson is a Lutheran, while his wife holds membership in the Christian church. They have one daughter, Verna Louella, a little maiden who was born September 18, 1907, and is the light and life of the household. Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Christianson has given his political support to the republican party, the principles of which, in his opinion, are best adapted to conserve the public welfare. He is public spirited in his citizenship, and although born across the waters is as loyal to the country of his adoption as any American born citizen. Industry, energy, thrift and economy have been the salient characteristics of his career and are winning for him a most gratifying degree of prosperity.

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#### JAMES L. HAYNES.

James L. Haynes is numbered among the men to whom success has come as the reward of earnest, persistent labor. As the years have gone by he has conducted a large business as a breeder of horses and has owned some of the finest stock to be found in this part of a state noted for its extended stock-raising interests. Industry and perseverance have even been numbered among his salient characteristics and they have been essential factors in bringing him to the place that he now occupies. With a handsome competence he has put aside business cares and is living retired, enjoying the well earned fruits of his former toil. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, January 29, 1854, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Wilson) Haynes, the former a native of Ross county, Ohio, and the latter of Elkhart, Indiana. The parental grandparents of our subject were among the first settlers of Ross county, removing into that section from the Keystone state. They were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock and were numbered

among the substantial citizens of the community in which they established their home. There Jacob Haynes was reared and spent his remaining days, living to the age of seventy-two years. At the time of the Civil war he was in hearty sympathy with the Union cause and enlisted for three months' service. Throughout his business life he gave his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. His widow still survives him in her seventy-ninth year and is now a resident of Shenandoah.

James L. Haynes was reared in the shelter of the family home and obtained his education in the public schools. At the age of nineteen years he left his father's roof and went to Macomb, Illinois. Soon afterward he rented a farm in that locality, continuing its cultivation for a year and in February, 1874, he continued his westward journey to Shenandoah, Iowa. The following summer he worked as a farm hand in Page county and in October of the same year he returned to Ohio where through the succeeding summer he again worked for his father and upon neighboring farms. He had heard the call of the west, however, and it proved to be an irresistible one. In 1875 he returned to Illinois but again went back to Ohio, where he remained until 1876. That year he went to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and from there came to Page county, Iowa, in the fall of that year, making his home here continuously since. Here he began farming on his own account and was closely associated with general agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1883, when he removed to Shenandoah and engaged in the buying, selling and breeding of thoroughbred draft and roadster horses. In 1905 he built a feed barn which he conducted in connection with his breeding stables, carrying on both lines of business until April, 1908, when he disposed of his barns. He continued to own his stallions, however, until February, 1909, when he held a public sale and disposed of them. For twenty-six years he had been extensively identified with the breeding of horses and the records show that in that time he bred more mares than any other one man in the United States, having a record of over eleven thousand mares. Through the capable management of his business he won gratifying success and at the present time is living retired, having acquired a handsome competence, sufficient to supply him with the necessities and comforts of life and to bring him many of its luxuries as well.

On the 8th of December, 1885, Mr. Haynes was united in marriage to Miss Margaret D. Binkley, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Henry and Rachel (Hedding) Binkley, the former a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, while the latter was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, members of the family removing from Pennsylvania to Ross county, Ohio. Mr. Haynes is identified with various fraternal and insurance societies. He belongs to Shenandoah Lodge, No. 261, I. O. O. F.; Shenandoah Lodge, No. 249, A. O. U. W.; the Bankers Union of Chicago; the Page County Benevolent Association of Clarinda, Iowa; and the Knights & Ladies of Security. His wife is identified with some of the ladies' auxiliaries of the lodges with which Mr. Haynes is affiliated. In his political views he is an earnest republican, thoroughly conversant with the chief political topics of the day yet without ambition for office. Mrs. Haynes belongs to the Con-

gregational church and to its Ladies' Aid Society. She was reared by her grandparents in a home of plenty and was much pampered and petted. At the time of her marriage she had never known anything of work but had been under the influence of a wise, far-sighted woman who entertained rational views of life, its purposes and duties. Mrs. Haynes, therefore, at the time of her marriage felt that the duty devolved upon her as well as her husband and determined to assist him on the journey of life. She therefore took up dressmaking. Because of her ignorance and her inexperience she charged only fifty cents for the first dress and it was not a model in fit or workmanship. Realizing this she determined that she would make improvement and, therefore, purchased charts and worked early and late to master the business with the result that she became in time the most competent and successful dressmaker in Shenandoah, her services being always in demand, the finest gowns in the town being the work of her needle. Mrs. Haynes is a pleasant home woman who has a host of warm friends and like her husband is popular with those who know them.

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#### D. N. SHAW.

D. N. Shaw is one of the best known farmers and live-stock dealers of Grant township, making a specialty of the raising of registered shire draft horses. He lives on section 34, Grant township, in one of the attractive farm residences of the county standing in the midst of highly improved fields. He was born in Page county, December 19, 1863, his parents being Joseph and Catherine (Loy) Shaw, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Tennessee. When a young man the father came to the United States and spent some years in Ohio, after which he went to Canada. He lived there for a time when eventually, recrossing the border into this country, he made his way to Page county and settled in Lincoln township. Here he invested in farm land, to which he added from time to time until his holdings were extensive, embracing more than five hundred acres. He also owned a quarter section in Morton township, gave his time and energies to general farming and was quite successful, for he seemed to know just how and when and where to utilize his time and opportunities. He died in 1902 at the advanced age of eighty-five years, having long survived his wife who passed away in 1866. He was a republican in his political views and a citizen whose devotion to the general good was manifest on many occasions but in a quiet and unostentatious manner.

D. N. Shaw spent his youthful days in his parents' home and profited by the mental training received in the public schools. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the fields and began farming for himself in his twenty-first year. Locating on the farm in Morton township owned by his father he there carefully tilled the soil until after his father's death in 1902 when he purchased the Espey Bute place in Grant township. To this he removed and has since resided thereon. He realizes

the forcefulness and value of persistent, earnest labor and seeks his success through diligence and perseverance, never waiting for advantageous circumstances to aid him. He is now making a specialty of the raising of registered shire draft horses and has been the owner of some very fine stock.

On the 4th of February, 1886, Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Zettie King, a daughter of James K. King, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. They now have one child, Boyd Leslie. The parents are both held in high esteem and the hospitality of the best homes of the community is freely accorded them. Mr. Shaw is never neglectful in his duties of citizenship and exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He does not seek office, however, as a reward for party fealty, preferring to do his public services as a private citizen. He finds that his private business affairs make full demand upon his time and attention and in all of his dealings he has ever been reliable, realizing that only the success that is honorably won is worth while.

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#### J. ALBERT PETERSON.

J. Albert Peterson, who since 1893 has resided upon a good farm on section 26, Fremont township, was born in Hamilton county, Iowa, on the 16th of January, 1867, his parents being Olaf P. and Sarah (Nelson) Peterson. Further mention of that family history is given in connection with the sketch of G. W. Peterson on another page of this volume.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for J. Albert Peterson in his youthful days. His time was largely devoted to the acquirement of an education which he obtained as a pupil in the public schools and in St. Albans College at Knoxville, Illinois. When twenty-one years of age he started upon an independent business career as a farmer, renting the John Stromberg place which he cultivated for three years. During that time he carefully saved his earnings until his earnest labor and economical expenditure brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the east half of the northeast quarter of section 26, in Fremont township. On this he located in the spring of 1893 and has since been busily engaged in the care and cultivation of his fields which present a neat and attractive appearance. The entire place is well kept and the farm is to him a profitable source of revenue for his labors are practical and his energy has brought him substantial return.

On the 3d of November, 1892, Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Augusta M. Huttman, a daughter of Carl P. Huttman, of Fremont township. Their children are eight in number: Nora, Alice, Florence, Ruth, George and Raymond, twins, Irene and Harold. All are yet at home and the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Politically Mr. Peterson is a democrat where state and national issues are involved but cast an independent local ballot. In 1903 he was made the nominee on the democratic ticket for the office of county recorder but

was defeated as only one democrat has ever been elected to a county office in Page county for over forty years. He and his wife are members of the Swedish Mission church and are people whose good qualities have gained them favorable regard in Fremont township and throughout the portion of the county in which they are best known. Mr. Peterson is a western man by birth, training and preference and possesses the spirit of enterprise which has been a dominant feature in the substantial and steady growth of the middle west.

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### FRANK V. HENSLEIGH.

Frank V. Hensleigh is one of Clarinda's well known citizens because of the activity which he has put forth in relation to its business and public interests. He has occupied various positions of public trust, while in banking circles he is well known as the assistant cashier of the Page County Bank.

One of Pennsylvania's native sons, he was born in Indiana county, August 22, 1865, his parents being John and Nancy (Lydick) Hensleigh. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1869 came to Page county, settling first in Colfax township. He had previously visited the county in 1867 and in that year had purchased a farm but subsequently returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained through the succeeding two years. He then made permanent location in this county and took up his abode upon the tract of land of which he had become owner. His interest in affairs of importance was deep, sincere and helpful. He was especially a champion of the cause of public education and for many years was a member of the school board. During the later years of his life, because of his strong temperance principles, he gave his political allegiance to the prohibition party. He died in January, 1899, having long survived his wife, who passed away July 1, 1879.

Frank V. Hensleigh pursued his education in the public schools and at Amity College at College Springs, Iowa. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for five years in Missouri and three years in Page county, his labors in this direction being satisfactory to the communities in which he was employed, for his instruction was clear and impressive and he also possessed the further necessary attribute of being a good disciplinarian. In 1896 he was elected county auditor and that he proved most capable and loyal in that position is indicated by the fact that he was three times reelected, the period of his incumbency covering eight years. On his retirement from office he reentered business life in connection with banking interests. He was one of the organizers and directors of the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank and in 1907 he was elected a director and the assistant cashier of the Page County Bank, which position he now holds. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with the banking business and his labors in this direction are an element in the success of the institution which he represents.

At the same time Mr. Hensleigh has continued to figure prominently in public life and his fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have honored him with various places of trust. In 1906 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, entering upon the office in 1908 for a three years' term. He was at one time president of the school board of the city, is a director and was formerly secretary of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly and is president of the public library board, which is engaged on the building of a fine library in this city. His political allegiance has ever been given to the republican party and he is one of its active representatives in Page county, being recognized as a prominent local leader whose opinions carry weight in the councils of the party in this portion of the state. He has acted as central committeeman and has many times been a delegate to state conventions. He is likewise an active member of the First United Presbyterian church, in which he is now serving as treasurer.

On the 6th of November, 1890, Mr. Hensleigh was married to Miss Nancy McMillan, of Des Moines county, Iowa, a daughter of William and Margaret (Jackson) McMillan, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was a farmer by occupation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hensleigh have been born two daughters, Lulu Margaret and Martha Isabelle, the former now a student in the Clarinda high school. The family are prominent socially, having a wide and favorable acquaintance not only in Clarinda but also in this part of the state.

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#### STEPHEN MANN.

It is fitting that men in the evening of life should enjoy a season of rest. Nature seems to have intended that this should be so, for in youth he is full of energy and hope and in later years these qualities are directed by mature judgment and keen discrimination, resulting in the attainment of success. Such has been the record of Stephen Mann, whose years of activity are now crowned with an age of ease. He has lived in the county since 1859 and during this period has been identified with its agricultural and stock-raising pursuits. Moreover, he is entitled to mention in this volume from the fact that he was one of the first settlers in Page county and during his residence here has seen the county developed from comparatively unimproved prairie land into rich fields, while in the work of improvement he has taken his full share.

Mr. Mann was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1830, a son of John and Elizabeth (Rich) Mann, natives of Holland, who located in Pennsylvania at an early date and were among the pioneer settlers of that state. The father was a farmer by occupation, and among the scenes and environments of rural life Stephen Mann passed the first fifteen years of his life, attending the district schools during the winter months, while he assisted his father in the work of the fields during the summer seasons. In 1845 he accompanied his parents on their removal to

Michigan, where they resided upon a farm in St. Joseph county for three years. At the expiration of that period, thinking to start out in life on his own account, Mr. Mann left his parents' home and went to Green county, Wisconsin, where for eleven years he was employed as a farm hand by the month. Being ambitious to some day own a farm of his own, during the intervening years he labored earnestly and diligently and carefully saved his earnings until he had accumulated sufficient means with which to accomplish his desire. The year 1859 witnessed his arrival in Page county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres on the line between Buchanan and Amity townships. A few years later he bought an additional tract of one hundred acres adjoining his original purchase, and on this farm of two hundred and forty acres he continued to reside throughout his active connection with business interests. He engaged for many years in general farming, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and becoming recognized as one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of the community. For several years he engaged extensively in the live-stock business, shipping hogs and cattle and making a specialty of raising horses. He had the reputation of being one of the best known stockmen of Page county and this branch of his business interests proved a most gratifying source of revenue to him. Three years before settling permanently in Page county, Mr. Mann had visited Iowa for the purpose of selecting a suitable location, and he has never found occasion to regret his decision to take up his abode in Page county for here he has been very prosperous, attaining a measure of success that now enables him to live retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He now makes his home with his son, Samuel John, a resident of Braddyville. Aside from his valuable farming land he also owns considerable town property in Braddyville.

It was on the 22d of January, 1852, that Mr. Mann was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Blackford, a daughter of William and Rachel (John) Blackford, pioneer residents of Green county, Wisconsin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Patton, of the Baptist church. This union was blessed with the following children: Mrs. Levina Alice Nicholas, residing in Braddyville; Mrs. Rachel Celelia Yaples, also of that city; Samuel John; Enoch Alvah, who resides upon and operates the old homestead situated north of the town of Braddyville; Anna Melissa, who passed away in infancy, her death occurring December 14, 1868; Mrs. Amy Rosilla McKee, a resident of Hopkins, Missouri; and Loretta Belle, who died October 4, 1896. On the 22d of September, 1902, Mr. Mann was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose death was a matter of regret to an extensive circle of friends who held her in high esteem.

In politics Mr. Mann is a Jeffersonian democrat and has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his party. He served as township trustee for several years and for over twenty years was a member of the township board and of the town school board, holding those offices until compelled to resign on account of old age and general disability. Fraternally he was a member of Braddyville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of the Sons of Tem-



perance of Green county, Wisconsin, continuing his membership therewith until unable to attend the meetings on account of old age. His association with these organizations, however, indicate somewhat the principles that govern his conduct. A man of unquestioned integrity, of unfailing courtesy and of unswerving honor, he stands as a splendid type of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle. During the last few years he has spent a portion of each year traveling throughout the United States and Canada, having visited practically all of the points of interest in these two countries.

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#### REV. WILLIAM THOMAS FISHER.

Rev. William Thomas Fisher, who since February, 1901, has been pastor of the Christian church at Clarinda, his work proving a strong factor in the moral progress of the community, was born in Marshall county, Indiana, March 17, 1867. His parents were Rezin P. and Virginia P. (Fogg) Fisher. The father was a puddler and in 1884 removed westward, settling in Kansas, where he turned his attention to farming, which he followed until his death in 1907. His widow still survives and is yet a resident of Nortonville, Kansas.

Rev. Fisher of this review was educated in the common schools of Steubenville, Ohio, and at seventeen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Atchinson, Kansas, living on a farm near that city. He was busily employed in the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn and during the winter months he attended night schools. There he continued until September, 1890, when he went to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he continued his education as a student in Cotner University, completing his course in 1896, when he won the Bachelor of Arts degree. He had completed both the classical course and a course in theology in preparation for the ministry, for he had determined to devote his life to this holy calling.

Rev. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Meltha Miller, a native of Fremont county, Iowa, who had been a student in the same classes at college with her husband. They were married on the 11th of March, 1897, and have since traveled life's journey most happily together. Their union has been blessed with three children: Doris Maud, Helen May and James Willard.

It was in 1896—the year previous to his marriage—that the Rev. Fisher accepted his first ministerial charge, going to Tabor, Iowa, where he became the first pastor of the Christian church. He there remained for two years, when he accepted a call to the church at Delta in Keokuk county, where he also continued for two years. In February, 1901, he was given charge of the Christian church at Clarinda, where he has since remained. His church has a membership of about five hundred, being one of the strongest religious organizations in the county. All the different branches of the

church work are well organized and as a force for good in moral development it is most potent. Rev. Fisher is a most earnest and active worker and moreover is an entertaining and instructive speaker, whose discourses not only disclose his broad, comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the Bible and its teachings but also his wide reading in the realms of general literature. He is interested in all of those influences and agencies which work for good in the world. From the organization of the public library he has been a member of its board, has acted as its secretary and also as chairman of the book committee. He is now president of the Clarinda Chautauqua Assembly, an organization whose educative and social value is widely acknowledged. He was also its secretary for some time and believes much in its efficiency as a promoter of intellectual progress and a stimulus for mental activity. He is untiring in his efforts to advance all those movements which work for the good of the church and the city in all the lines of general improvement and public advancement. He is a member of the board of Iowa Christian conventions, which brings him into close touch with the missionary part of the work. He now has general supervision of the southern division of this society, consisting of sixteen counties. The board has charge of the money which has come to them and which must be invested judiciously in order that it may increase and the opportunities for church work may be thus extended. The men who thus serve are elected to the positions. It would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements as showing Rev. Fisher to be a man of broad public spirit and of consecrated devotion to his work, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. It is but just to add, however, that he is a man of quick and ready sympathy and of abiding charity, slow in condemnation but ready in encouragement and assistance.

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#### ELMER H. FINLEY.

Elmer H. Finley, carrying on general farming on section 13, Harlan township, his success being that which ultimately and logically follows close application, unremitting industry and perseverance, was born in Peoria county, Illinois, April 23, 1861. He there resided until twenty-one years of age. When two years old he lost his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Finley, and his father, Robert McCullen Finley, afterward married again. The father was a native of Ohio and spent his last days in Page county, where for many years he had followed farming. He was also well known as a horseman, always raising and dealing in high bred horses. He died near Clarinda in October, 1900, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. By his first marriage he had seven children and by the second marriage there were three children.

Elmer H. Finley is indebted to the public-school system of his native county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and he received thorough training in business under the direction of his father, whom he

assisted in his farming and stock raising interests. Coming to Page county when a young man of twenty-seven years, he has resided here continuously since. His first home was three miles northeast of College Springs where he purchased eighty acres of land upon which he resided for six years, carefully cultivating the fields during that period. He then sold out and bought one hundred and twenty acres near his present place south of Clarinda. Later he purchased his present farm and now has the two properties of eighty acres each, both of which are well improved. In 1902 he erected his present fine residence which is built in modern style of architecture, supplied with all conveniences and contains eleven rooms. It is one of the finest farm homes in the county, and upon his place is also found substantial and commodious outbuildings, including a fine barn which he erected. His place is known as the Olive Branch Stock Farm and he owns a Belgian stallion which was imported from Belgium. His farm occupies a pleasant location and the soil is very rich and productive. As the place is only two miles from Clarinda, the advantages and opportunities of city life are easily obtained and at the same time he is unhampered in his efforts to gain a comfortable living through general farming and the breeding of horses. Both branches of his business are proving profitable and he is numbered among the enterprising business men of this part of the county.

Mr. Finley married Miss Minnie B. Keller, who was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Amos and Kate Keller, who are now residents of Washington county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Finley have two children, Arthur M. and Gertrude M. The parents hold membership in the First United Presbyterian church of Clarinda and their lives are guided by its teachings, while in its work they take an active part. Mr. Finley votes with the republican party and has served as one of the local committee and is deeply interested in his party, its growth and its success. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and is numbered among those men who can always be counted upon to further every movement for the general good.

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#### C. J. HENDRICKSON.

C. J. Hendrickson, who now owns and operates an excellent farm in West township, Montgomery county, Iowa, was formerly actively and successively identified with the agricultural interests of Page county for a number of years. He was born in Sweden on the 31st of July, 1864, a son of John P. and Johanna L. Hendrickson. It was in the year 1867 that the parents came to the United States, locating in Indiana, where they resided for four years. On the expiration of that period they made their way to Red Oak, Iowa, where the father established brickyards and continued to reside for eight years. In 1879 he came to Essex, Page county, where he likewise established brickyards and was successfully engaged in their conduct until about 1887, when he took up his abode on a farm of eighty acres two and a half miles northwest of Essex in Pierce town-

ship. This farm has remained his place of residence to the present time and he is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a most substantial, respected and representative citizen.

C. J. Hendrickson, who was but three years of age when brought by his father and mother to the new world, spent his youthful days under the parental roof, attending the public schools in the acquirement of an education. He remained at home until 1886, assisting his father as a brick-maker and later as an agriculturist. In the year mentioned he started out in life on his own account, first renting a tract of land from Mrs. North. For eight years he was thus busily engaged in the work of the fields and at the end of that time purchased a farm of eighty acres in Pierce township from Charles Fallen. After having devoted his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement for a period of eleven years he sold the property and bought a farm in West township, Montgomery county, on the Page county line, where he has since resided. In addition to cultivating the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also makes a specialty of raising Duroc Jersey hogs and in both his agricultural and stock raising interests has won a most gratifying and commendable degree of prosperity. The success which he now enjoys is attributable directly to his own well directed industry and diligence, for he had no outside assistance at the beginning of his career. He has made good use of his opportunities and through his persistency of purpose, actuated by a laudable ambition, has become one of the prosperous farmers and substantial citizens of this part of the state.

In 1891 Mr. Hendrickson was joined in wedlock to Miss Anna Abraham, of Shenandoah, Iowa, and their union has been blessed with four children: Emma, Elmer, Ida and Mabel, all at home.

Politically Mr. Hendrickson is a stanch republican and at the present time is doing effective service for the cause of education as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Swedish Lutheran church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested. Mr. Hendrickson is an automobile enthusiast, owning a Jackson car. His life has at all times been such as to merit the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM WARD.

William Ward, who is owner of the bus line of Clarinda, in which connection he is conducting a substantial business, came to this city in 1881 and has since made it his home. He removed to Clarinda from Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he had previously been connected with the same line of business. He is, however, a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Miami county, that state, on the 12th of April, 1851. His parents were Hiram and Rebecca (Evans) Ward, both of whom were natives

of Ohio. In the year 1855 the father left Indiana and removed with his family to Iowa, so that his son William is indebted to the public-school system of this state for the educational privileges he enjoyed. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for him in his youthful days, which were devoted to the acquirement of an education, to the enjoyment of the pleasures of the playground and to the discharge of such tasks as parental authority assigned him. He remained for some time in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was connected with the bus line, but in 1881 removed to Clarinda, becoming associated with the same business in this city. He was in the employ of another until June, 1890, when he bought the line and has since conducted it, his earnest desire and effort to please his patrons, his obliging manner and uniform courtesy having been valuable elements in his success and he now has a liberal patronage which makes his business a profitable one.

On the 24th of December, 1882, William Ward was united in marriage to Miss Etta May Shelenberger of Clarinda, a daughter of Abraham and Louisa Shelenberger, the former proprietor of a hotel at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have many friends in Clarinda and enjoy the confidence and good will of those who know them. They are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Ward belongs to the Knights of Pythias. That his fellow townsmen have faith in his public-spirited citizenship is indicated in the fact that they elected him councilman in 1909 but he resigned, caring little for political preferment. He is, however, never remiss in the duties of citizenship but prefers to give his support to measures for the general good in the capacity of a private citizen rather than as an official.

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#### J. F. COZAD.

An excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Grant township, annually pays tribute in bounteous harvests to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it by J. F. Cozad. He was born in Montgomery county, Iowa, on the 2d of May, 1868, his parents being Hezekiah and Sarah A. (Dukeshier) Cozad, both of whom were natives of Jackson county, Ohio. They were reared in that county and in 1856 came to Page county, Iowa, and were here married. Hezekiah Cozad, who is now deceased, made his home in Page and Montgomery counties during his lifetime and about 1890 took up his abode in Essex, this county. His demise occurred on the 17th of March, 1908, when he had attained the age of seventy-three years. His widow still survives at the age of sixty-eight years and resides in Essex.

J. F. Cozad attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. It was on the 18th of October, 1888, that he was joined in wedlock to Miss Grace Tyner, of Fremont county, Iowa. The following spring he started out as an agriculturist on his own account by renting a tract of land, to the

operation of which he gave his attention for about fourteen years. On the expiration of that period, in 1903, he purchased the Jim Stewart farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grant township and has continued to operate it most successfully since. He follows modern ideas and methods of agriculture and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors, so that he is meeting with excellent results. He is likewise a director in the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Shenandoah and is widely recognized as a most substantial, enterprising and representative citizen of the county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cozad have been born seven children, namely: Jennie, now the wife of Ernest McNew, of Shenandoah; Jonas, at home; Wilbur, who is attending the Shenandoah high school; Gilbert and Sadie, who are likewise still under the parental roof; Fern, who has passed away; and Eugene, also at home.

Politically Mr. Cozad is a republican and has served for several years as a school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. At the present time he is capably discharging the duties devolving upon him as a member of the board of township trustees, having been elected to that office in the fall of 1908. Fraternally he is identified with Shenandoah Camp, No. 1049, M. W. A., and with Three Oak Lodge, No. 56, Royal Neighbors. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also identified. In social relations they are held in the highest regard, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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#### C. A. PETERSON.

C. A. Peterson is the owner of two hundred and fifty-three acres of land located on section 13, Pierce township, this being the property which was purchased by his father on his emigration from Sweden to the new world. Mr. Peterson of this review was born in Sweden, November 25, 1872, a son of Swan and Anna (Jacobson) Peterson, who, on their emigration to the United States in 1874, made their way to Page county, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming until 1898, when he took up his abode in Essex, where he is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He and his wife are devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran church and are people of the highest respectability in the community in which they have so long made their home.

C. A. Peterson was but two years of age when he was brought by his parents to Page county, so that practically his entire life has here been spent. He pursued his studies in the public schools and remained with his father until the latter's retirement in 1898. The son then rented the land for three years but in 1901 he purchased the land of his father and is now the owner of two hundred and fifty-three acres, on section 13, Pierce township. He raises various kinds of grain which he feeds to his cattle and hogs, raising a large amount of stock each year. This has proved a profitable

source of revenue to him and Mr. Peterson is numbered among the substantial farmers of southwestern Iowa.

In 1898 at the time Mr. Peterson took possession of the home farm, he further established a home of his own by his marriage on the 11th of October of that year, the lady of his choice being Miss Cora Fredericks, of Fremont township. This union has been blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters, Earl E., Paul C., Inez Leonore Louise, Luther A. and Mildred Irene.

Mr. Peterson's study of the political questions and issues of the day have led him to give stalwart support to the republican platform, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Swedish Lutheran church. They are worthy young people and are popular among their many friends. Mr. Peterson is equally prominent in business circles. He is very methodical and systematic in his work, keeps in touch with modern methods of farming and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors and he is numbered among the progressive and enterprising Swedish-American citizens of this section of Iowa.

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#### PHILLIP PETERSEN.

Phillip Petersen follows general farming on section 25, Nodaway township. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, October 3, 1861, and is a son of Thies and Petrea Petersen, who spent their entire lives in their native land. In their family were five children: Adolph, who died in Rock Island, Illinois; Lorenz, living in Hamburg, Germany; Mrs. Ida Hansen, deceased; Mary, who died in Chicago; and Phillip.

The last named was reared in the fatherland and pursued his education in the public schools. He arrived in Davenport, Iowa, when twenty years of age, having crossed the Atlantic alone to the new world. He had previously learned the baker's trade but, not finding work at his trade on reaching Davenport, he earned his living for a year by playing in the Union band of that city, for he possesses much musical ability. On the expiration of that period he came to Page county and worked for his uncle in Clarinda for a time. He was afterward employed as a baker in Omaha and in St. Joseph and upon the death of his uncle he returned to Clarinda and took charge of his uncle's ice business. After a few years he purchased a farm which he conducted for a time and on selling that property he worked as a laborer for one year. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present farm of seventy-one acres on section 25, Nodaway township, pleasantly and conveniently situated about two miles north of the public square of Clarinda. It is now a well developed property, the fields being carefully tilled while everything about the place is indicative of the careful supervision and unfaltering enterprise of the owner.

In 1886 Mr. Petersen was united in marriage to Miss Lena Peterson, also a native of Schleswig, Germany. Immediately after his marriage he

went to Syracuse, Nebraska, and opened a bakery which they conducted for about four years, returning to Clarinda on the death of his uncle as previously stated. In his political views Mr. Petersen is a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is a member of the Christian church and his life is in harmony with his professions, being characterized by all the sterling qualities of honorable, upright manhood.

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### JAMES HUGHES.

James Hughes, a retired agriculturist residing in Clarinda, is one of the oldest settlers of Iowa, having come to this state in 1846. He was born in Johnson county, Indiana, on the 5th of August, 1844, his parents being David and Delaine (Smith) Hughes, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Wabash county, Indiana. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jesse Hughes, whose birth occurred in Wales, came to America with three brothers and eventually took up his abode in Indiana, his brothers, however, remaining in Tennessee. As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Miss Nancy Melton. David Hughes, the father of James Hughes, followed farming in Johnson county, Indiana, and there also engaged in the manufacture of brick. In 1846 he brought his wife and children to Iowa, the family home being established in Keokuk county, where he successfully conducted a grist and sawmill. His children were three in number, namely: Jesse, who wedded Miss Harriet Burch and now makes his home near New Market, Taylor county, Iowa; James, of this review; and Martha, who passed away in childhood. David Hughes was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for at the end of two years' residence in Keokuk county he was called to his final rest. His widow then removed to Appanoose county, Iowa, where she lived for a time with James Hughes, a brother of her deceased husband, and later joined her father in Indiana. In that state she was again married, her second union being with Simpson Messersmith, with whom she came to Iowa in 1854, locating at Pleasantgrove in Des Moines county. After two years they went to Putnam county, Missouri, subsequently resided for two years in Page county, Iowa, and then returned to Missouri. Later they took up their abode in Audubon county, Iowa, where Mr. Messersmith passed away. The widow then went to Colorado and afterward to Nebraska, where she made her home with a daughter, Mrs. George Osborn, until the time of her demise in 1905, when she had attained the age of eighty-three years. The children of her second marriage are as follows: Elizabeth Caroline, the eldest, is now deceased. Mary M. first wedded Joseph Moody and unto them was born a daughter. By her second husband, Milo Dailey, who has also passed away, she had one son, Milo, now a resident of South Dakota. William Alfred, who resides near Spaulding in Greeley county, Nebraska,



wedded Miss Mary Clarewatter. Louise Adaline gave her hand in marriage to Nat Hupp and they reside on the boundary line between Nebraska and South Dakota. Their union has been blessed with two sons. Colman B., a resident of Greeley county, Nebraska, married Miss Delancy, by whom he has a son and daughter. Mrs. George Osborn, living in Nebraska, has a family of two sons and three daughters.

James Hughes was largely reared in Iowa, though in early boyhood he spent some time in Missouri and in Johnson county, Indiana, there attending the subscription schools. When a lad of fourteen or fifteen years he worked on farms in Missouri and Iowa and in 1862 made his way to Colorado with a team of oxen, there laboring in the gold mines for one summer. Returning to Putnam county, Missouri, he there attended school for a time and subsequently went on a three months' visit to Indiana. He next took up his abode in Wayne county, Iowa, where he was employed at farm labor until 1864, when he came to Page county and here also devoted his attention to the work of the fields and the feeding of cattle. In 1867 he purchased a tract of forty acres of raw prairie land in East River township, this county, and resolutely set to work to improve the property, planting ten acres the first year. He hauled the material necessary for the construction of his first dwelling from St. Joseph, Missouri, and experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home in a pioneer region. By the second spring the entire tract of forty acres was cleared and he successfully carried on his farming operations there for ten years, extending the boundaries of the place by additional purchase until it comprised ninety acres. On disposing of that property he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Nebraska township, where for ten years he was engaged in general farming and the raising of cattle. Subsequently he traded that tract for a farm of two hundred and forty acres belonging to John Hadfield in East River township and continued his agricultural interests on the latter place until 1908. The farm is still in his possession and now comprises three hundred and eighty acres. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also bought, fed and shipped cattle on an extensive scale, meeting with excellent success in both branches of his business. Since retiring from the active work of the fields he has made his home in his handsome residence at No. 22 Eighteenth street in Clarinda, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. His landed holdings include a tract of forty acres east of Clarinda and he is a stockholder in the Clarinda Trust & Savings Bank. He certainly deserves much credit for his success, as he started out in life empty-handed. Earnest toil has been his lot but this has been guided by sound business judgment and supplemented by keen sagacity until he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of the county, and his life record proves what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

In 1868, in Clarinda, Mr. Hughes was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Farrens, who was born and reared in that city, her parents being Henry and Levina (Stafford) Farrens, both natives of Tennessee. Henry Farrens, who was one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state, coming to

Page county about 1838, assisted in laying out the town of Clarinda. His demise occurred when he had attained the venerable age of ninety-two years and his wife has also been called to her final rest. Robert Stafford, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hughes, made his way to Iowa when the entire state was still covered with tall prairie grasses. Robert Farrens, a brother of Mrs. Hughes, was the second white child born in Page county. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have reared a family of eight children, the record of whom is as follows. Bertie Henry, who married Miss Effie Edmonds, resides near Clarinda and has three children: Paul, Harold and Beulah. Albert A., living in East River township, wedded Miss Nellie Crosby and has three children: Milo, Vera and Dale. Ada, likewise living in East River township, is the wife of A. H. McFarland, by whom she has two children, Pearl and Alvin. Daisy, residing in Nodaway township, Page county, is the wife of Rome Brooks and has three children: Sylvia, Walter and Nevella. Charles, who makes his home in East River township, wedded Miss Belle Farrensworth and has three children: Nola, Loraine and Floyd. Clyde, living near Clarinda, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Young, by whom he has one son, Ivan. Ferman, who is a resident of Harlan township, Page county, wedded Miss Ethel Ellison and has a son, Lowell. Jesse, of East River township, was joined in wedlock to Miss Lillie McNeece and has two children, Wilma and Mildred.

Politically Mr. Hughes is a stalwart democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust and responsibility. Fraternally he is identified with the Royal Arch Masons and also belongs to the Eastern Star. Brought to this state by his parents when it was still a wild and unsettled region, his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and he has not only been a witness of the changes which time and man have wrought but has borne his part in the work of upbuilding as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed throughout the community and their own home is justly noted for its gracious and warm-hearted hospitality.

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#### JOHN EDWARD HULLMAN.

Among the enterprising and thrifty farmers of Washington township who are meeting with success in their undertakings is John Edward Hullman, who owns and operates a fine farm of eighty acres. He was born in Fulton, Illinois, on the 15th of October, 1877, a son of Andrew and Ingrid (Jonasson) Hullman, both natives of Sweden. The former came to the United States in 1872, while the latter arrived in this country about two years previous, and they were united in marriage in the state of Illinois in 1875. In their family were six children, as follows: Sophia, the wife of Fred Gell, residing in Colfax township; John Edward, of this review;

Mabel, who married Mark Scotton and resides in Washington township; Eva, who is still under the parental roof; Charles Grant; and Grace, who also lives at home. The father, who has devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming, expects soon to give up the active duties of agricultural life and remove to Coin, where he will live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He is a Methodist in religious faith, gives his support to the republican party and is an honorable, upright gentleman who occupies a high place in the community in which he resides.

No event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of life for John Edward Hullman in his boyhood and youth, which were spent amid the scenes and environments of rural life, and he attended the common schools of Colfax township until fourteen years of age, when, laying aside his text-books, he devoted his entire time and attention to assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields. He lived at home until his marriage, when his father deeded him forty acres of land, it being agreed that if he remained at home until the home farm was entirely free from debt forty acres thereof should be his. He commenced his independent business career upon this farm and later added to it another forty acres, which he purchased from Mrs. Chambers for one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, so that his farm now consists of eighty acres, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, the place being one of the well improved farming properties of the township. He carries on general farming and also raises stock, both branches of his business proving sources of gratifying profit to him.

Mr. Hullman was united in marriage on the 17th of September, 1908, to Miss Jennie Boyer, a daughter of John and Mary (Gillihan) Boyer. Her mother passed away in November, 1885, and was laid to rest in Elm Wood cemetery at Coin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hullman are members of the Methodist church of Coin, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of their lives, while fraternally Mr. Hullman is connected with Coin Lodge, No. 455, I. O. O. F., and also with Coin Lodge, No. 2410, M. W. A. He gives his political support to the republican party, upon which ticket he has been elected road supervisor and also as school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion. His influence and activity are always upon the side of progress, reform, improvement and advancement, and these qualities constitute him a citizen of worth in the community in which he resides.

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#### DANIEL H. KILLINGSWORTH, M. D.

Daniel H. Killingsworth, who is proprietor of the Clarinda Hospital and is also engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in this city, came to Clarinda on the 30th of November, 1898, from Tingley, Iowa, where he had previously engaged in general practice. He is a native of Fayetteville, West Virginia, and a son of William and Sarah (Stone) Killingsworth, who removed from West Virginia to Centerview, Johnson

county, Missouri. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in Missouri until his son Daniel was thirteen years of age, when he removed to Lorimor, Iowa. The Doctor continued in that place until he had attained his majority and in the meantime pursued his education in the public and normal schools. He then began the study of medicine and was graduated in 1888 from the medical department of Drake University at Des Moines. He then began practice in Tingley and in 1895 and 1896 he pursued a post graduate course at the New York Post Graduate College, thus augmenting his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. Returning to Tingley, he there remained until 1898, when he came to Clarinda and entered upon the general practice of medicine in this city. Again in 1901 and also in 1906 he pursued further post graduate courses in the New York Post Graduate College. In the year in which he came to Clarinda he established a hospital for the treatment of general diseases under the name of the Clarinda Hospital. It contains twelve beds and is a valuable addition to the institutions of this character in southwestern Iowa, being well equipped with every accessory necessary to the care of the sick.

Dr. Killingsworth was united in marriage to Miss Clara Stranahan, of Mount Ayr, Iowa, and their children are Zell G., Virginia and Blanche, the last named now a student of music in Chicago. Dr. Killingsworth is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Clarinda and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the United Presbyterian church, of which he is chairman. In more strictly professional lines he is connected with the Iowa State Medical Society and the Northwestern Medical Association.

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#### JOSEPH C. BECK.

The agricultural interests of Buchanan township find a worthy representative in Joseph C. Beck, who owns and operates a valuable farm of eighty acres and who, through his industry, energy and perseverance, has attained a creditable place among the farmers of that township. He was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, April 1, 1849, a son of Jacob and Catharine (Clausett) Beck. The parents, who were both of German descent, came from Wittenburg, Germany, to America in 1840, locating in Wisconsin, where the father engaged in the occupation of farming.

Amid the scenes and environments of rural life Joseph C. Beck spent the years of his boyhood and youth. He attended the district school when his parents could spare him but his educational advantages were somewhat limited owing to the fact that he was unable to attend school more than three months each year. His early training in farm labor, however, was of no limited order, for he soon became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He remained at home, assisting his parents, until twenty-two years of age, when he came to Page county, Iowa, where his brother, John Beck, then owned the farm of eighty acres, upon which our subject now resides. Here he engaged in general farming until 1883,

when he purchased the place from his brother and has since continued to make it his home. The farm is a well improved property, containing a comfortable, attractive residence, good substantial barns and outbuildings, and the fields are all under a state of high cultivation with the exception of about ten acres of bottom land which overflows. Mr. Beck engages in general agricultural pursuits, is progressive and up-to-date in his methods, and his close application, his good business ability and his untiring industry and perseverance are gaining for him a most gratifying measure of prosperity.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Bevington, a daughter of John Bevington, of Buchanan township. Mrs. Beck was born in Ohio and came west with her parents in 1862, the family first locating in Warren county, Illinois, and later in Page county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beck have been born two children, namely: Mrs. Lanta Wray, of Clarinda, Page county, Iowa; and Mrs. Adelia Beery, who makes her home with her parents.

Mr. Beck and his family are all members of the Church of God at Shambaugh, Iowa, and take active and helpful interest in the work thereof. He votes with the republican party and is public spirited in his citizenship, taking a deep interest in the work of his party and in the public affairs of the community. He served for three years as township trustee and also as township supervisor, and any measure which has for its object the substantial upbuilding and improvement of the community finds in him a staunch champion. Fraternally he was formerly a member of College Springs Lodge, No. 228, I. O. O. F., of Braddyville, and was one of the men who were instrumental in moving the lodge from College Springs to Braddyville. His influence and activity are always upon the side of progress, reform, improvement and advancement, and these qualities constitute him a citizen of worth, while he is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of Buchanan township. In this county, where he has resided for so many years, he has gained an extensive circle of warm friends who hold him in the highest esteem and regard because of his unfailing honor, courtesy and chivalry—elements which have been the salient characteristics of his entire life.

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#### ISAAC WHITE.

Isaac White, proprietor of a breeding and sales stable in Shenandoah, Iowa, was born in Kewanee, Henry county, Illinois, October 11, 1856, and belongs to a family that traces its ancestry back to Peregrine White, who was born on the Mayflower. Both his father and mother, Egbert and Mary A. (Wright) White, were born in Dutchess county, New York, where they were reared and married. Shortly after their union the couple removed west to Henry county, Illinois, where the father became one of the extensive landowners of the county. In the summer of 1868 he came to Iowa, where he acquired fourteen hundred and twenty acres of land in Fremont

county. Here he resided until his death, which occurred in 1902, at the age of eighty-two. His wife still survives him and is now in her eighty-second year. Mr. White was ever a heavy speculator in land and at the time of the opening of the Indian reservation at Beatrice, Nebraska, he acquired some sixteen hundred of acres there, adding to this extensive possessions in other parts of the country. In politics he was an ardent republican, but though he was always considered a factor in the councils of his party he never sought public preferment.

Isaac White was reared at home but received his formal education in the public schools, going from these to Tabor College. At the age of nineteen he entered the arena of life to fight for himself, choosing the occupation of a farmer. His father gave him a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he made his home until 1903. In the meantime, however, he had added to the original grant some eighty acres, so that at the time he relinquished his care of it, it had one of the finest tracts of land of the county. In 1903 Mr. White rented his farm and moved to Shenandoah, where he has since given all his time and attention to the breeding of horses, mules and shorthorn cattle.

On the 1st of January, 1880, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Hyall, of Fremont county, Iowa. Six children have been born to them: Nellie G., the oldest, is now a bookkeeper in a wholesale house in Spokane, Washington, and is the owner of a valuable fruit farm in that part of the country; Dr. Egbert S. White is a dentist of Shenandoah, Iowa; Grace Allyce is a teacher in the public schools here; Mable F. is taking a course in music at Oberlin, Ohio; and Mary M. and Halfred H. are both attending the public schools. The four older children are all graduates of the Shenandoah high school, and Miss Nellie, after finishing her course here, attended the Lincoln Business College, where she later taught for a time.

When called upon to exercise his right as a citizen of this country, Mr. White casts his vote for the candidates of the republican party. He is a man sincerely interested in the welfare and progress of Shenandoah. His efforts to this end are appreciated by those who are accustomed to see him one of the prominent members of the Booster Club and who look to him as one of the board of directors of the Shenandoah Fair, for part of the success of this enterprise. For the past two years he has been secretary of the speed department in connection with the fair. Mr. White is a thoroughly representative citizen of Shenandoah, and his residence at 313 Crescent street, is one of this city's handsome homes.

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#### WILLIAM DARIUS ASBURY JAMIESON.

In the production and conservation of advancement in all the normal lines of human progress and civilization there is no factor which has exercised a more potent influence than the press, which is both the director and the mirror of public opinion. Iowa, both as a territory and state, has been

signally favored with the character of its newspapers, which have been vital, enthusiastic and progressive, ever aiming to advance the interests of this favored section of the Union, to aid in laying fast and sure the foundations of an enlightened commonwealth and further the ends of justice. William D. A. Jamieson is numbered among those whose earnest labors produce a splendid type of modern journalism. He is now editor of the World and since the age of seventeen years has been continuously connected with the newspaper field. He was born on a farm three miles south of Wapello, in Louisa county, Iowa, November 9, 1873. His father, O. Ira Jamieson, is a native of Franklin county, Ohio, born on the 12th of January, 1845. He came of Scotch-Irish ancestry and of Revolutionary stock. In the early '50s he arrived in Iowa, settling in Louisa county, where his father, W. D. Jamieson, purchased land. O. Ira Jamieson thus turned his attention to farming and stock raising. He had partially pursued a collegiate course and was a man of scholarly attainments and strong mental force. He read incessantly, thus constantly broadening his knowledge, and after leaving the farm he was elected superintendent of schools at Wapello, holding the position for several years. Subsequently he purchased the Wapello Times and it was in his office that his son William learned the art preservative. The father afterward removed the Times to Columbus Junction in 1883 and conducted the paper for a number of years, changing its name to the Columbus Gazette. He was an earnest and active democrat and took an important part in the campaigns as a speaker, advocating in logical, entertaining and convincing manner the principles in which he believed. He served as postmaster of Columbus Junction under President Cleveland's second administration and died in that city on Easter Sunday of 1908. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Jane Gillis, was born in Pennsylvania, October 25, 1844. Following her husband's death she conducted the paper for more than a year and was quite successful in its management. She is now living with her son William. She is of Scotch lineage and belongs to a family that was represented in the American army during the war for independence. She has long been a member of the Presbyterian church and her life is that of a most earnest and Christian woman.

William D. A. Jamieson, an only child, began his education in a country school, which was taught by his mother, a lady of college education and of superior intellectual qualifications. Later he entered the public schools of Wapello and also continued his studies in Columbus Junction. He pursued his education at intervals of a year and spent the alternate year in the printing office. He afterward pursued a year's course in the University of Iowa at Iowa City, but discontinued his studies to devote his entire attention to the printing business and went upon the road as a journeyman, spending four years in that way. At the age of nineteen he located at Idagrove, Iowa, where he entered the office of the Pioneer, a democratic paper. At that time he even had some political aspirations and became chairman of the democratic committee the first year of his residence at Idagrove and was elected to congress from that district. He remained there for a year and a half, after which he returned to Columbus Junction

and conducted the Gazette for three or four years, buying the paper during that period. At the end of that time he turned it over to his father and in 1901 came to Shenandoah, where he purchased the World, a democratic paper, immediately changing its name to the Shenandoah World. He had practically no capital when he arrived here, but he possessed courage, resolution, energy and mental resources and, moreover, he had a host of friends in his home town.

After being in Shenandoah for a year Mr. Jamieson was married on the 22d of November, 1902, to Miss Matie Vass, who lived in the vicinity of Waukesha, Wisconsin. He then took a wedding trip and on his return home found a new paper in the field, making the third in Shenandoah. It was difficult for three to find remunerative support here, but on the whole Mr. Jamieson has prospered and has continued the publication of his paper to the present time. In 1906 he purchased the Democrat, a weekly of Hamburg, but disposed of it a year later.

Mr. Jamieson is perhaps equally widely known in connection with the public service which has been of an important character and in many ways has given tangible proof of his devotion to the general good. In 1906 he was elected to represent the seventh senatorial district, composed of Page and Fremont counties. In the upper house of the general assembly he was the first democrat ever chosen to the position in the district and in his election overcame a normal public majority of thirty-two hundred, his vote exceeding that of his opponent by three hundred. At the June primaries of 1908 he received his party's nomination for congress and had as his political opponent one of the strongest republicans of the district—the stalwart William P. Hepburn. Something of Mr. Jamieson's personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-townsmen is indicated in the fact that he won the election by a majority of three hundred and ten. This was surprising when it is considered that William H. Taft, the republican candidate for president, carried the district, comprised of eleven counties, by nearly nine thousand, the greatest political victory in any congressional district in the United States. He has served creditably during his first session in congress, active on a number of important committees including that of Indian affairs. Mr. Jamieson is not only the first democrat to represent his district in the state senate but also the first member of his party chosen from the eighth congressional district. He resigned from his former position to accept the latter and in the halls of national legislation has proved himself in active working member. In Shenandoah, before going to congress, he acted as a member of the school board and also is a member of the Commercial Club. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has an attractive residence in Shenandoah and his home life is a happy one. He is a man of charming personality and his unfeigned cordiality and sincere interest in his fellowmen have won for him a high measure of regard, while his upright life has won him confidence that has been expressed in his election to office.



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